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HAZUKI
THIS BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHOM YUSUKE CALLS BY NAME IS...
MAYBE...
NOT MAYBE, BUT FOR SURE, SHE'S HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND.

SHE'S CUTE!
HELLO, MY NAME IS HAZUKI.
BOW
WHOA! N-NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M IORI.
HEART THUMP
LONG TIME NO SEE.
AH... YEAH.
WHO IS SHE? YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
IT'S...
KIND OF WEIRD, ISN'T IT?
CHUCKLE
W-WHAT IS THIS MOOD?!
SO PEACEFUL !?

HAZUKI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
AH, I'M GOING TO BUY EGGS.
CHUCKLE
YOU'RE SILLY. I'M ASKING ABOUT YOUR JOB AND STUFF.
IORI, BE CAREFUL. SHE'S A BIT SLOW PERSON.
WAIT...?
HEY, I'M NOT SLOW AT ALL!
YOU'RE SO MEAN AS USUAL!
HOLD ON...
THIS IS KIND OF...

IORI-CHAN, HE'S SO SARCASTIC, ISN'T HE?
YOU'RE ALSO SILLY AS USUAL.
WHY AM I SO ANNOYED?
I STILL DON'T LIKE IT ANYWAY... I REMEMBER HE WAS SO UPSET WHEN HE MET JUN-KUN.
BUT...
COULD IT BE THAT SHE'S JUST A FRIEND INSTEAD OF HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND?
WHOA, WE NEED TO GO BACK NOW.
BOOO... ALREADY ?
GOOD BYE, HAZUKI.
THEN... I COULD UNDERSTAND THIS MOOD.
チラ
GLANCE
ドキッ
GASP

IORI-CHAN, IT WAS NICE MEETING WITH YOU.
ニッコリ
SMILE
むう
ANNOYED!
WE NEED TO GO BACK HOME QUICKLY, OTHERWISE MY MOTHER'S GONNA GET UPSET.
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WHY IS HE EVEN HUMMING ?!
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IRRITATED
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IRRITATED
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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!
THANK YOU FOR THE EGGS. COME VISIT US AGAIN.
STAY OVER NEXT TIME.
IORI-CHAN, TAKE A GOOD CARE OF STUPID YUSUKE, PLEASE.
I'M NOT STUPID!
THE FIRST MEETING WITH YUSUKE'S FAMILY.
I WAS SO NERVOUS BEFORE, BUT EVERYBODY WAS NICE WITH ME IN THE END.
BUT...
THE NEXT TIME WHEN YUSUKE GOES BACK HOME...
WILL I BE THERE WITH HIM?
I TEND TO THINK LIKE THIS...

AH,
WANNA PASS BY SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY BACK?
YUSUKE DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT HAZUKI-SAN...
DOESN'T HE KNOW THAT I'M ANGRY ?!
NO...
I DON'T.
I'M ANGRY, BUT MY HEART IS RACING AT THE SAME TIME....
B-BMP
B-BMP
WHAT ?
I SAID...
I DON'T WANNA STOP BY ANYWHERE.
AWWW!
WHY DO I SOUND SO TIMID?!
BUT, I'M HUNGRY.
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY ?
DAMN, I'M ANGRY!
WHY DOESN'T HE GET IT?!
DOES HE REALLY NOT KNOW THAT I'M ANGRY, OR IS HE JUST IGNORING ?

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STOP
IORI-CHAN,
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY ?
HEART THUMP
H-HIS SMILE IS MAGICAL...
I AM...
OK
WHAT DO YOU WANNA EAT?
...A BURGER
SOUNDS GOOD!
LETS GO TO A RESTAURANT THEN.

WAAAHHH!
I WANNA BE ANGRY, BUT I CAN'T!
WHAT AM I SAYING? A BURGER ?!
.....
IORI'S VOICE IN HER MIND
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING SO HAPPY ?!
I'M ANGRY!
I'M SO ANGRY!
I'M SIMPLY WORRIED...
HAZUKI-SAN WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND MATCHED WELL WITH YUSUKE.
YUSUKE'S EYES LOOKING AT HAZUKI-SAN SEEMED SO GENTLE...

I'M ONLY...
AWWW... STUPID! STUPID!
STUPID YUSUKE !
ガヤ
OPEN
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR DELUSION, BUT....
HUH?
WE'RE HERE, AT THE RESTAURANT.
DOOR OPENING
WOW... IT LOOKS LIKE A HOUSE OF A WEALTHY FOREIGNER.
STOP STARING AT IT THROUGH THE WINDOW. JUST GET OUT.

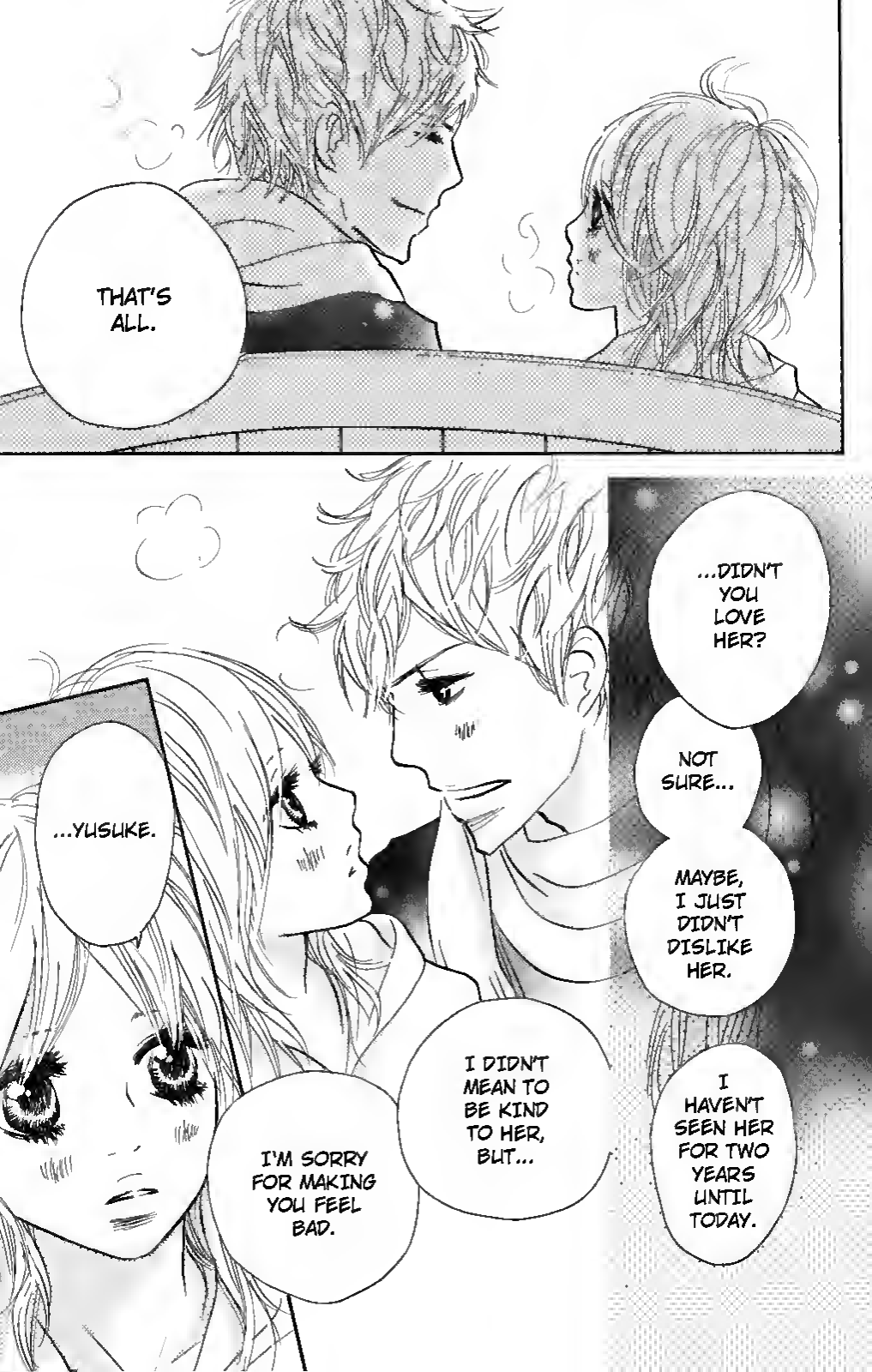
.....
HUH?
YU...
YUSUKE?
...ABOUT HAZUKI-SAN.
HUH? WHAT ABOUT HER?
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
WHY AM I SO NERVOUS?
... WELL I MEAN...

YUSUKE...
YOU'RE MINE, AREN'T YOU?
...DON'T LOOK AT HAZUKI-SAN
IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU LOOK AT ME!
BLUSH

I DIDN'T!
YOU DID!
NO WAY!
I... DIDN'T DO THAT!
YES, YOU DID!
GASP
DON'T BE KIND TO OTHER WOMEN BESIDES ME!
OOPS! WAS THAT TOO MUCH ?!
.....
.....

S-SORRY... THAT WAS A LIE...
A LIE?!
WHAT ?!
THEN, CAN I BE GENTLE TO OTHER WOMEN BESIDES YOU?
W-WHOA!
T-THAT'S NOT OK AT ALL...
HE MUST KNOW THAT...
DID YOU GET JEALOUS ?
Y-YES, I DID...
YOU'RE HONEST !

AS WE SAT IN THE GARDEN OF THE RESTAURANT,
YUSUKE STARTED TO TALK ABOUT HIS PAST.
HAZUKI IS...
MY EX-GIRLFRIEND, BUT NOW WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
DISAPPOINTED
ガックリ
...WHY DID YOU GUYS BREAK UP?
I GUESS IT WAS MY FAULT.
I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN PEOPLE IN THE PAST.
THEY USED TO TELL ME THAT I WAS COLD.
SOMEHOW I CAN IMAGINE HIM BEING A COLD PERSON, BUT IT'S STILL HARD TO BELIEVE BECAUSE HE HAS NEVER BEEN COLD TO ME.
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS MY GIRLFRIEND, I WASN'T INTERESTED IN HER VERY MUCH ANYWAY.
THEN, JUST AS I EXPECTED, SHE TOLD ME THAT WE SHOULD GET BACK TO BEING JUST FRIENDS.


THAT'S ALL.
...DIDN'T YOU LOVE HER?
NOT SURE...
MAYBE, I JUST DIDN'T DISLIKE HER.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR TWO YEARS UNTIL TODAY.
...YUSUKE.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE KIND TO HER, BUT...
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU FEEL BAD.

NOW, I CAN UNDERSTAND HAZUKI'S FEELINGS AT THE TIME.
I'M DOING MY BEST
PROTECTING YOU FROM THE IDIOT.
...?
WHO ...!
WHO IS THE IDIOT ?!
...BUT
HEART THUMP
I MUST BE A VERY HAPPY PERSON NOW.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FEEL SO HAPPY ABOUT YOU GETTING JEALOUS.

GET JEALOUS MORE.
JEALOUSY IS MEDICATION FOR LOVE.
FOR A SECOND
HAZUKI-SAN'S FACE CAME UP IN MY MIND AND GAVE ME A STINGY PAIN.
I CLOSED MY EYES AND ERASED THE IMAGE.
I WANNA MAKE YUSUKE HAPPY.
I'M GONNA BE HAPPY WITH HIM.
I MADE A VOW AGAIN.

AFTER ALL,
I'M TOTALLY HAPPY!
BECAUSE OF YUSUKE'S EX-GIRLFRIEND HAZUKI-SAN,
OUR LOVE HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER AND DEEPER.
IORI NARAZAKI, SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.
IN THE MEANTIME,
SHIORI-CHAN MADE A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT.
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, SHIORI-CHAN?

I SAID, I HAVE A BABY.
WHAT?
IO?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?
I'M PREGNANT.
AH...

YUP, IT'S BEEN SEVEN WEEKS NOW.
ARE YOU SURE?
REALLY~?!
HE'S HAPPY TOO.
WE'RE GETTING MARRIED IN JUNE.
WHAT KAZUSHI-KUN SAID?
CONGRATU-LATIONS!
HUG
WOW!
WOW!

THANK YOU, IO.
OOPS, SORRY, YOUR BELLY.
DID YOU TELL MOM AND DAD?
YEAH
THEY'RE GONNA VISIT JAPAN NEXT MONTH.
WHEN THEY COME, YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE IZUMI-KUN TO THEM.
HEART THUMP
... Y-YOU'RE RIGHT.
AWWW, I'M ALREADY FEELING NERVOUS!
SHIORI-CHAN IS HAVING A BABY...
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
WELL ...!
I ENVY HER.
I WANNA HAVE A BABY TOO.
COULD IT BE A GIRL OR A BOY?
ENOUGH OF MY DELUSION.

AH, YES YES!
OH NO! I CAN'T STOP MY DELUSION!
AFTER WE GET MARRIED,
THEN,
... SILLY ME!
A BABY BETWEEN ME AND YUSUKE...
... WHAT?
BUT...
AH,
THAT'S RIGHT.
IF SHIORI-CHAN LEAVES THIS HOUSE, I MUST GO TO AMERICA.
BUT, I DON'T WANNA BE SEPARATED FROM YUSUKE!
WHY DON'T WE LIVE TOGETHER, THREE OF US?
WELL, WHEN THE BABY GETS BORN, THERE WILL BE FOUR OF US IN STEAD.

I'LL HELP YOU CONVINCE MOM AND DAD.
SOUNDS GOOD, ISN'T IT?
SHIORI-CHAN...
DON'T CRY.
...UH
THANK YOU...
I WANNA BE AN ADULT
SO THAT I CAN DECIDE MY FUTURE BY MYSELF.
OR OTHERWISE, YOU COULD GO TO IZUMI-KUN'S PLACE.
...TO YUSUKE'S ?
THAT MEANS...
TO LIVE TOGETHER.
L-LIVING TOGETHER ?!
HEART THUMP

BUT...
BUT...
LIVING TOGETHER MEANS...
WHEN I WAKE UP I SEE YUSUKE?
GOOD MORN-ING.
HI
SLEEPING TOGETHER WITH HIM EVERY NIGHT?
ALWAYS
ALWAYS
TOGETHER?!
SHRHHX-!
B-BMP
B-BMP
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T!
I CAN'T!
MY HEART WON'T BE STRONG ENOUGH FOR THAT!
B-BMP

I'M EATING~!
MY DELUSION IS UNSTOPPABLE!
I'M GONNA HAVE ANOTHER DISH.
...SHIORI-CHAN
MUNCH MUNCH
DON'T YOU HAVE MORNING SICKNESS?
NOT AT ALL. IT'S PRETTY COMMON.
.....
IS THAT SO...
STARTING TO FEEL NAUSEATED...
I'M...
...UH
RUN
IO?!
CHOKE
CHOKE

...YEAH, I'M FINE ....
ARE YOU OK ?!
I THREW UP EVERYTHING, BUT I STILL FEEL NAUSEA...
AH...
I...
WHICH DATE IS TODAY?
IT'S THE NINTH.
I HAVEN'T HAD MY PERIOD YET?
SINCE WHEN?
I DIDN'T GET IT IN THE END OF LAST MONTH.
IT'S ALREADY TWO WEEKS LATE.
HEART BEAT
BUT WHY...
WE'VE BEEN USING PROTECTION...

HEY, YUSUKE?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO... IF I HAD OUR BABY?
BUT... IF...
WHAT IF I WAS...
KNOCK KNOCK

IORI?
ARE YOU FEELING BAD?
...A LITTLE BIT, BUT I'M FINE...
I HEARD FROM YOUR SISTER.
HEART THUMP
B-BMP
YEAH
B-BMP
SORRY, BUT...
B-BMP
I'M SO HAPPY ABOUT IT.

DID HE SAY THAT HE'S HAPPY?
WHAT?
BUT...
I'M REALLY HAPPY!
I'LL PROTECT YOU AND OUR CHILD,
SO DON'T BE WORRIED.
YUSUKE...

SOB!
REALLY ?!
MY ANXIETY ...
FLEW OUT WITH MY TEARS ALL AT ONCE.
TRUST ME.
I MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR TOMORROW EARLY MORNING, IS THAT OK FOR YOU?
... YEAH
SNIFF
DON'T YOU HAVE TO WORK TOMOR-ROW?
IT'S OK. I WON'T BE ABLE TO FOCUS ANYWAY.
KISS

"TRUST ME!"
I WAS MORE WORRIED THAN HAPPY BEFORE, BUT NOW HIS STRONG WORDS MADE ME FEEL CONFIDENT.
A BABY BETWEEN ME AND YUSUKE.
I HOPE IT'S THERE.
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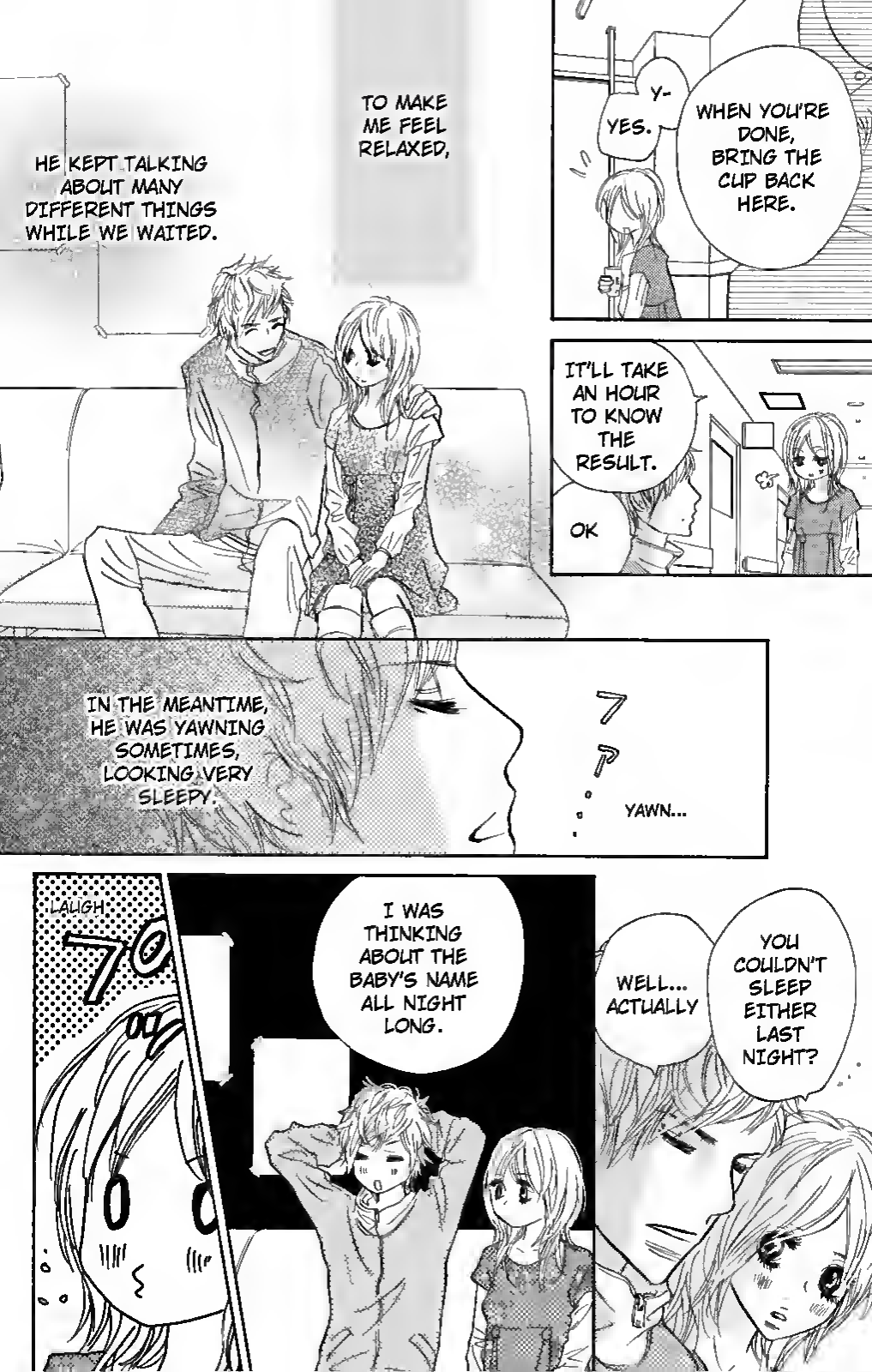
B-BMP
B-BMP


TO MAKE ME FEEL RELAXED,
HE KEPT TALKING ABOUT MANY DIFFERENT THINGS WHILE WE WAITED.
Y-YES.
WHEN YOU'RE DONE, BRING THE CUP BACK HERE.
IT'LL TAKE AN HOUR TO KNOW THE RESULT.
OK
IN THE MEANTIME, HE WAS YAWNING SOMETIMES, LOOKING VERY SLEEPY.
YAWN...
LAUGH
I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE BABY'S NAME ALL NIGHT LONG.
WELL... ACTUALLY
YOU COULDN'T SLEEP EITHER LAST NIGHT?

GIGGLE
ケラケラ
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ?
BECAUSE ...
AS I LAUGHED
HIS FEELINGS MADE ME HAPPY.
NARAZAKI SAN, PLEASE COME IN.
ビクーッ!
STARTLED!
AH, YES!
ARE YOU MS. IORI NARAZAKI ?
MY HEART BEAT
DOESN'T SEEM TO STOP.
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
LET ME SEE...
YES.
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP

...?
YOU'RE NOT PREGNANT.
...WHAT?
YOU'RE HAVING A MENSTRUAL DISORDER.
B-BUT...
MENSTRUAL DISORDER?!
I WAS FEELING REALLY BAD LAST NIGHT.
WHAT DID YOU EAT YESTERDAY?
.....
YESTERDAY?
...WELL

YOU SIMPLY ATE TOO MUCH.
EEK!
THANK YOU, THAT'S ENOUGH.
OH! AND ALSO CHEESE CAKES!
... CREPES,
POTATO CHIPS,
... CARBONARA SPAGHETTI, ...PUDDING
I JUST ATE TOO MUCH...
T-THAT'S ALL?!
I WANNA HIDE MYSELF IN A HOLE!
I WANNA DIG ONE RIGHT NOW!
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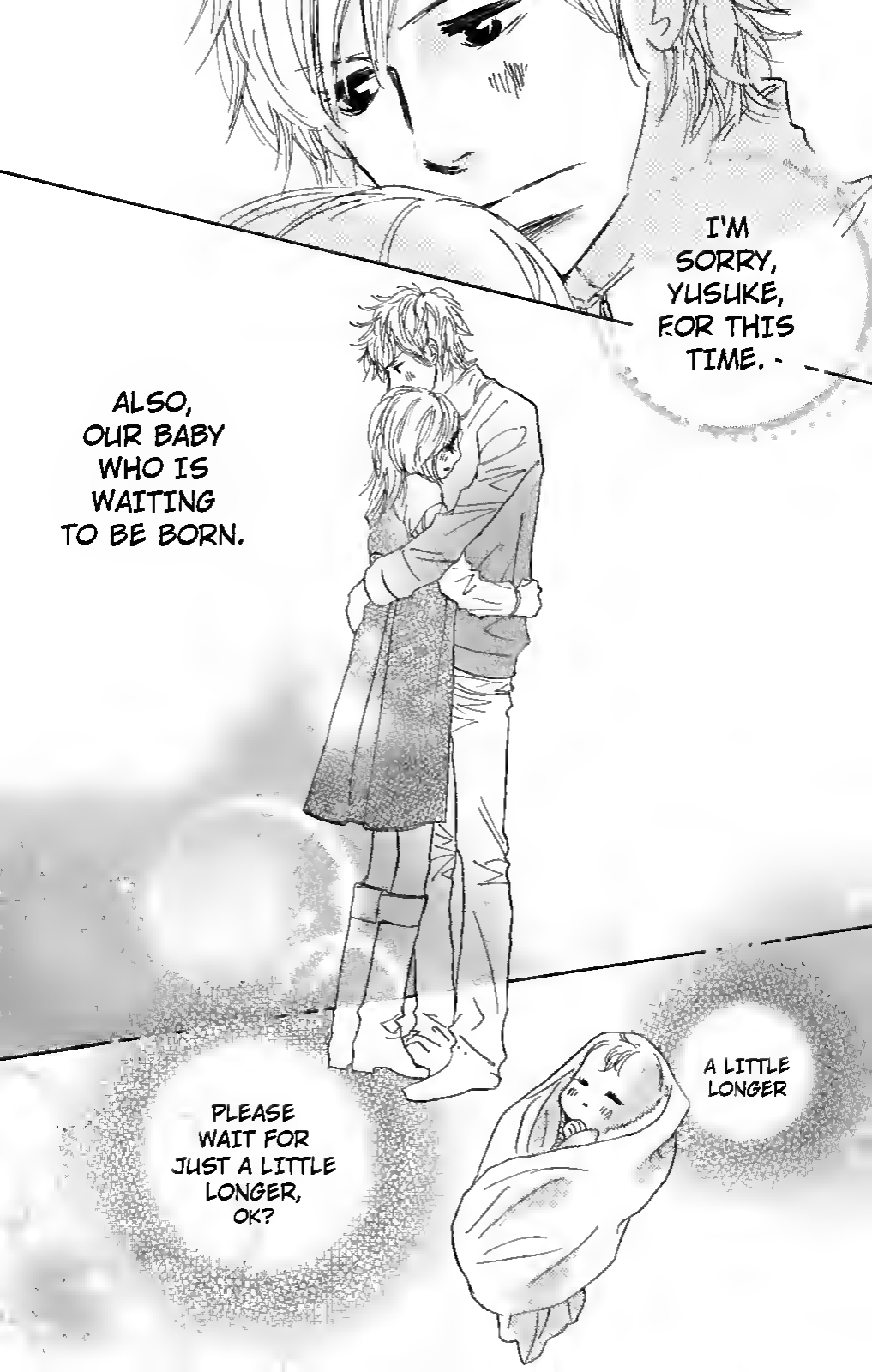
ドド
DRILLING

...A
A BABY...
WHAT?
WHAT'S NOT THERE ?
I'M NOT PREGNANT.
YOU MEAN, IT'S NOT SHOWING UP ON THE SCREEN?
OH WELL...

...I ATE TOO MUCH.
...WHAT ABOUT THE NAUSEA?
I'M ONLY HAVING A MENSTRUAL DISORDER.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PERIOD?
HEH HEH
YUSUKE?! IS HE COMPLETELY FROZEN?!
FREEZE!
カチーン
ガックリ....
DISAPPOINTED...
I'M SORRY YUSUKE, YOU WERE SO HAPPY BEFORE...
BUT...
BUT!
YU...!? I SEE SOMETHING COMING OUT OF HIS BODY?!
プシュー!....
PSSSHHH
I GOT IT...
I-IS THAT SO...

HUH?
YUSUKE!
I WAS GLAD WHEN WE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE HAVING A BABY.
BECAUSE YOU WERE ALSO HAPPY ABOUT IT.

I'M EMBARR-ASSED TO SAY THIS IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE.
NEXT TIME, WE WEREN'T LUCKY THIS TIME, BUT...
BUT, I CAN'T STOP IT.
NEXT TIME...
WE'LL MAKE OUR BABY
TOGETHER!
H-HEY! SILLY GIRL!
BLUSH
I WAS EMBARRASSED, BUT I'M NOT ANYMORE.
...IORI.
... I'M SORRY.


I'M SORRY, YUSUKE, FOR THIS TIME.
ALSO, OUR BABY WHO IS WAITING TO BE BORN.
PLEASE WAIT FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER, OK?
A LITTLE LONGER

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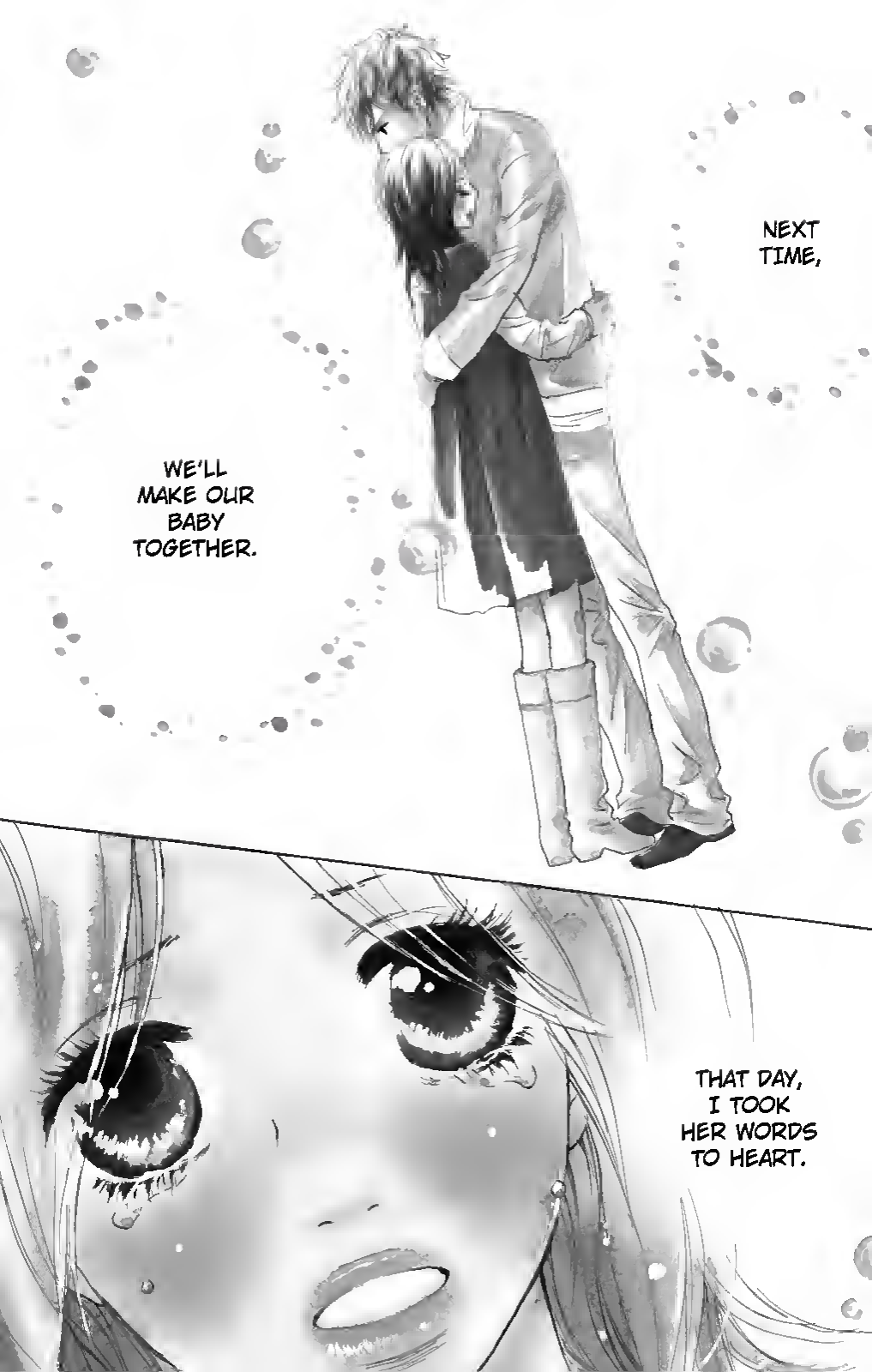
NEXT TIME,
WE'LL MAKE OUR BABY TOGETHER.
THAT DAY, I TOOK HER WORDS TO HEART.

OK, IT'S DONE.
PHEW...
AHH, MY DREAM FADED SO QUICKLY...
IF IORI WERE PREGNANT, SHE WOULD BE MINE FOREVER...
IF WE HAD A BABY, WOULD IT LOOK LIKE ME OR HER?
もわわん
DELUSION
REALIZE

WIND BLOWING
ピュー
I'M GETTING INFLUENCED BY IORI'S DELUSIVE HABIT.
IT'S SO COLD OUT.
AWWW, STOP IT!
WIPE OFF
IS IORI STILL AWAKE?
OPEN
HAZUKI
0900XXOXXOX
BEEP
BEEP
HAZUKI ...?
ピリリリ...

WHAT DOES SHE WANT FROM ME?
...HELLO?
HEY, YU?
WERE YOU STILL WORKING?
...NO, I WAS ABOUT TO GO HOME.
WHAT'S UP?
OH NO...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I CAN'T BE COLD TO HAZUKI.
YEAH,
WELL...
I JUST WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
...AH
HAVE YOU EATEN YET?

I'M WITH IORI NOW.
I'M SORRY, BUT...
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I HAVE TO REJECT HER.
IORI IS WAITING FOR ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I FEEL GUILTY...
CAN WE MEET UP
JUST A LITTLE ?
IS SHE CRYING ?
AH... HEY.
HAZUKI!
HEART THUMP
...YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SELFISH.
...GOOD BYE THEN...

I CAN TAKE A LITTLE TIME FOR YOU.
IORI
I'M SORRY.
DON'T BE GENTLE TO OTHER WOMEN BESIDES ME!
I'M HERE!
HEY, YU!!
I'LL COME BACK SOON.

I'M NOT CHEATING ON IORI.
MY FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED EVEN A TINY BIT.
BUT...
HEH HEH, HELLO.
HEY,
YOU LOOK GREAT IN AT SUIT.
I JUST COULDN'T IGNORE HER...
THINKING THAT HAZUKI WAS CRYING, I COULDN'T IGNORE HER...
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
... CIGARETTE
SO... WHAT'S UP?
カチ
LIGHT

NO, IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU!
I WANNA TRY IT.
BUT, YOU'RE SMOKING
YEAH...
THAT WAS JUST CHILDISH.
IN THE PAST...
WE HAD A FIGHT OVER A CIGARETTE, DO YOU REMEMBER?
...THE THING YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS OUR PAST?
SORRY, IORI-CHAN IS WAITING FOR YOU, ISN'T SHE ?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
.....

...AGAIN
MY BOYFRIEND LEFT ME.
WE EVEN PROMISED TO GET MARRIED.
WHY...
I DON'T KNOW, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME.
ポタ
TEARING
ポタ
HEY, YU?
HAZUKI?

WHATEVER I WAS TRYING TO SAY SEEMED TO BE WRONG.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
HAZUKI, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL AND HAVE A GOOD CHARACTER.
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A GREAT GUY.
I MUST BE ANNOYING YOU.
...YU?
I'M SORRY.
BECAUSE
I WAS ALSO ONE OF THEM WHO HURT HAZUKI.
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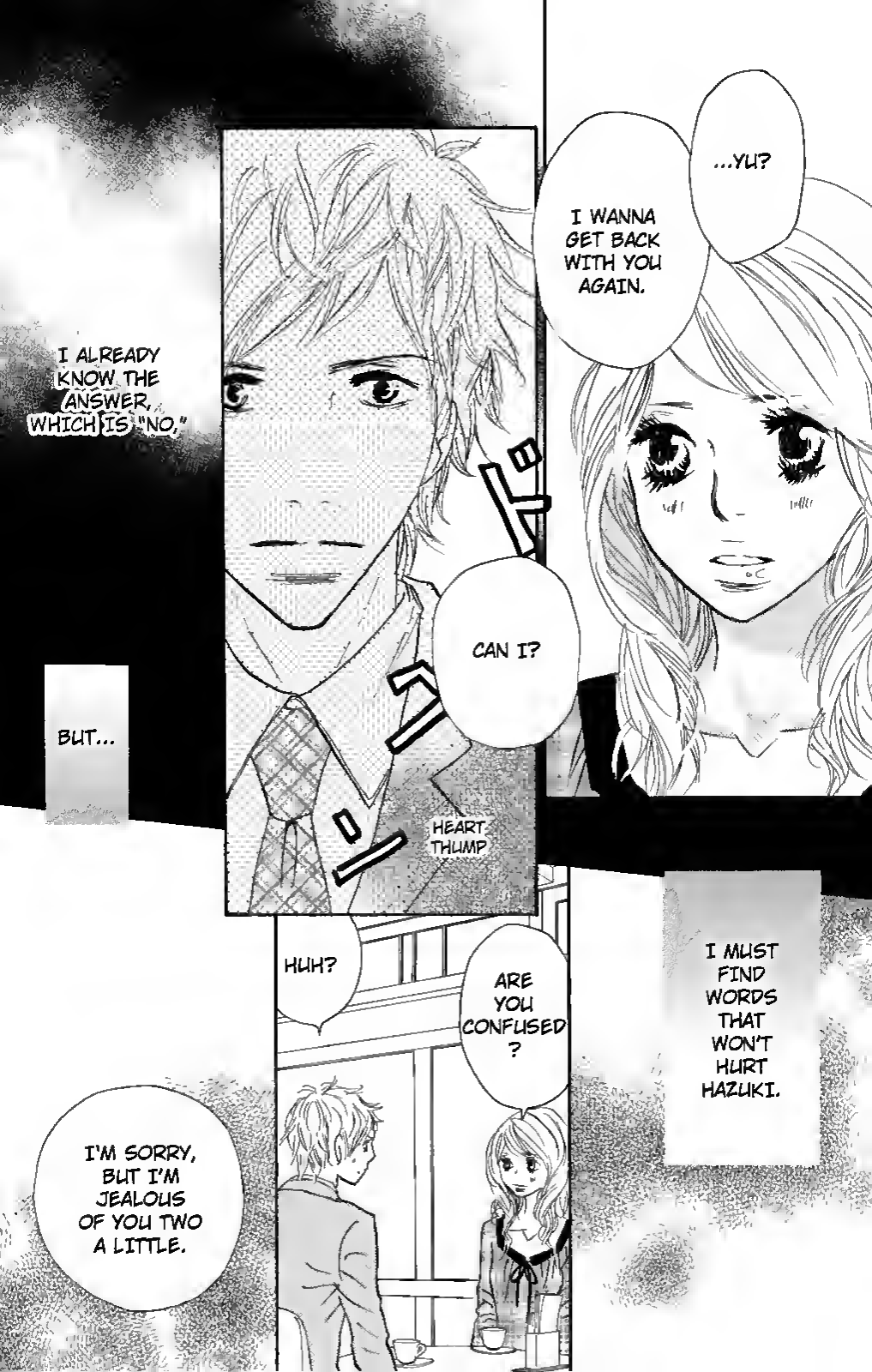
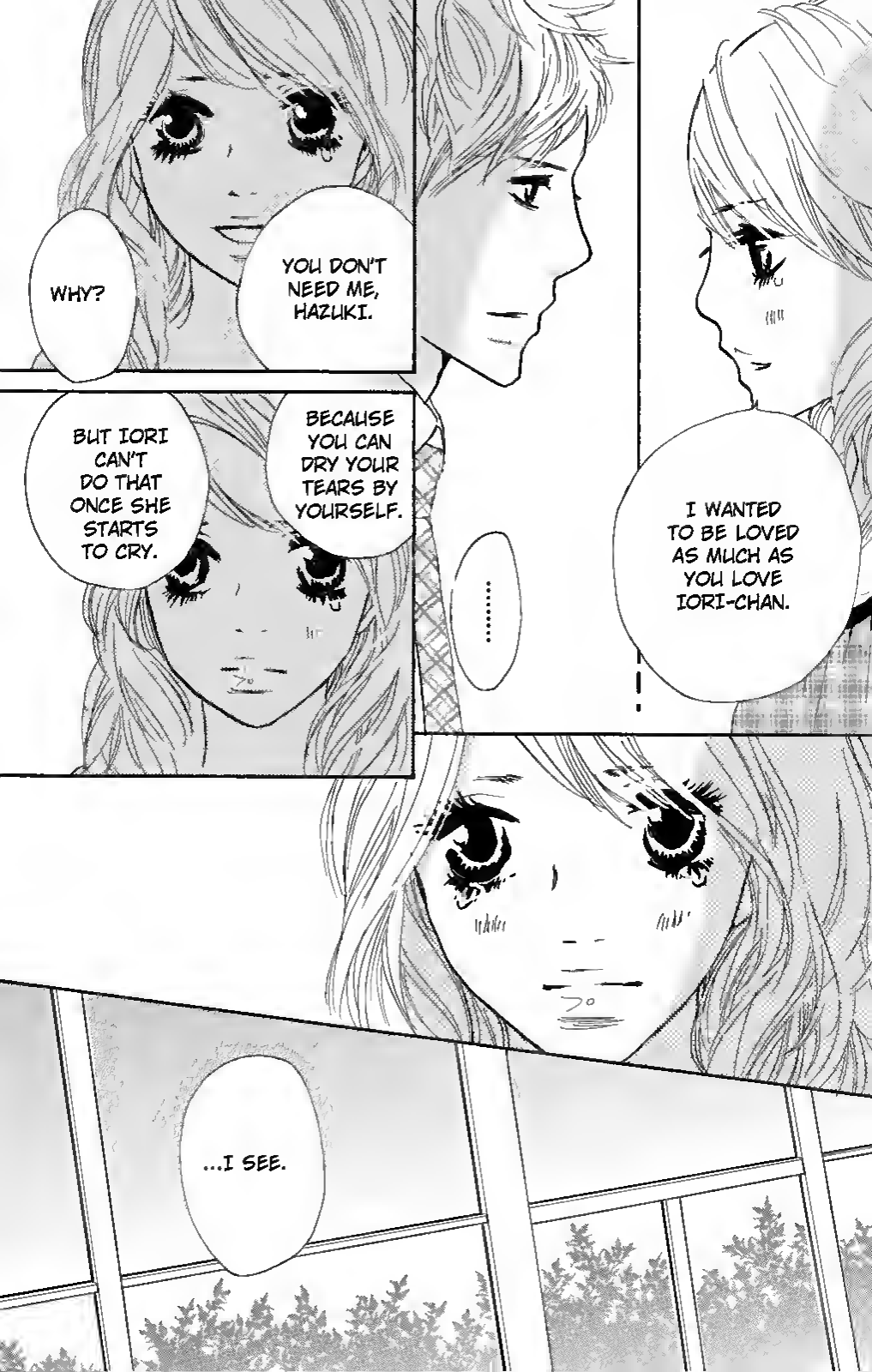

...YU?
I WANNA GET BACK WITH YOU AGAIN.
I ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER, WHICH IS "NO,"
CAN I?
BUT...
HEART THUMP
I MUST FIND WORDS THAT WON'T HURT HAZUKI.
HUH?
ARE YOU CONFUSED?
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M JEALOUS OF YOU TWO A LITTLE.


I WANTED TO BE LOVED AS MUCH AS YOU LOVE IORI-CHAN.
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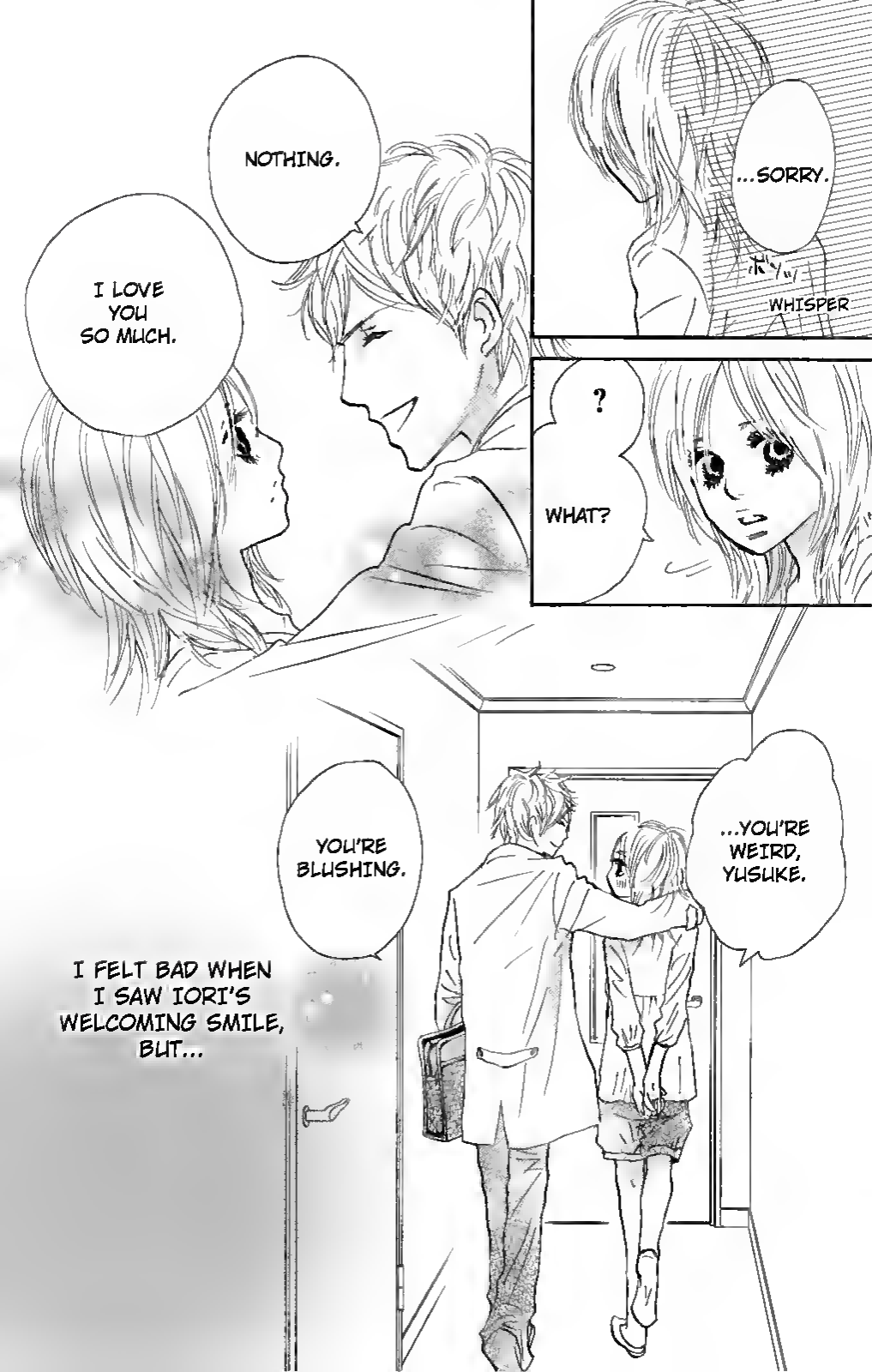
……
BECAUSE YOU CAN DRY YOUR TEARS BY YOURSELF.
BUT IORI CAN'T DO THAT ONCE SHE STARTS TO CRY.
YOU DON'T NEED ME, HAZUKI.
WHY?
…I SEE.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO KIND AS USUAL.
I CAN'T WALK WITH YOU HOME, BUT TAKE CARE, OK?
YEAH
GOOD-BYE THEN.
...OK
...STAY HAPPY, ALRIGHT ?
THIS IS FOR IORI,
NOTHING ELSE.
I'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME.
IS THAT FOR ME, OR...

...UH
SORRY.
...?
SO COLD...
HAZUKI'S CHEEKS
SNIFF
YOU'RE TOO NICE... AWW...

BE HAPPY.
I WISH FOR HAZUKI'S HAPPINESS.
THIS IS ALL I CAN SAY NOW.
I HOPE THAT SHE'LL BE SMILING.
ONE DAY, IF I COULD SEE HER SOMEWHERE AGAIN

I'M BACK!
ただいま!
HUG
WELCOME BACK, YUSUKE!
I'M SORRY FOR COMING BACK LATE.
DON'T WORRY.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY FOR DINNER.
HERE, COME IN.


NOTHING.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
...SORRY.
WHISPER
?
WHAT?
YOU'RE BLUSHING.
...YOU'RE WEIRD, YUSUKE.
I FELT BAD WHEN I SAW IORI'S WELCOMING SMILE, BUT...

WHAT HAPPENED TONIGHT WILL BE THE FIRST AND THE LAST SECRET OF MINE.
I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH IORI.

THERE ARE MANY EVENTS FOR LOVERS, BUT...
ANNIVER-SARIES,
BIRTH-DAYS,
CHRISTMASES AND NEW YEARS,
OUCH!
TO GIVE YOUR HEART TO YOUR LOVED ONE,
VALENTINE'S DAY IS THE BEST!

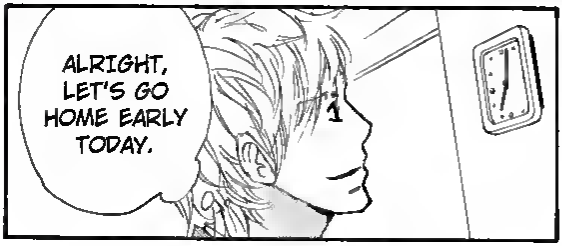
THIS IS UNEXPECTEDLY DIFFICULT, BUT I'VE BEEN DETERMINED...
SPLASH
AW
FOR THE COMING FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH, I'M MAKING CHOCOLATE!
I'M IORI NARAZAKI, SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.
WORKING HARD
せっせ
せっせ
TO MAKE HANDMADE CHOCOLATE FOR SOMEONE WHO I REALLY LOVE.
THANK YOU. I'M SO HAPPY.
IORI, YOU MADE THIS?
IT'S AMAZING!
SHRIEK
OOPS!
I ALMOST FORGOT IT!
IO, YOU HAVE TO MIX IT QUICKLY BEFORE IT GETS HARD.
IO, HAVE YOU PUT CREAM IN IT YET?
Y-YES!
妄想
DELUSION

MEGU SAID, SHE WAS GONNA MAKE TRUFFLES,
I'LL BE MAKING A BIG HEART OF CHOCOLATE.
PLEASE PLEASE
FOR OUR FIRST VALENTINE'S DAY,
I'M MAKING HANDMADE CHOCOLATE FOR THE FIRST TIME!
MY HEART, FROM ME TO YUSUKE.
FULL OF MY LOVE.
I REALLY HOPE THAT HE'S GONNA LIKE IT.

IT'S DONE!
IORI
"IORI"
ME!
HEH HEH
ONLY MY NAME.
I HOPE HE CAN FEEL MY LOVE EVEN ONE TENTH OF IT.
HERE YOU GO!
IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS
MY LOVE FOR YUSUKE WITH WORDS OR OBJECTS.

I WANNA GIVE IT TO YUSUKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YUSUKE, PLEASE COME BACK HOME QUICKLY!



I HAVE AN URGENT APPOINT-MENT.
OK
THEN, WAIT FOR ME HERE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHAT ?
WHAT IS IT ?
イラ イラ
IRRITATED
HERE, VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE FOR YOU.
AH...!
I SEE!
IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY!
THAT'S WHY SHE SENT ME A MESSAGE EARLIER.
YUSUKE, COME HOME SOON
... DIREC-TOR?
あは
SMILE

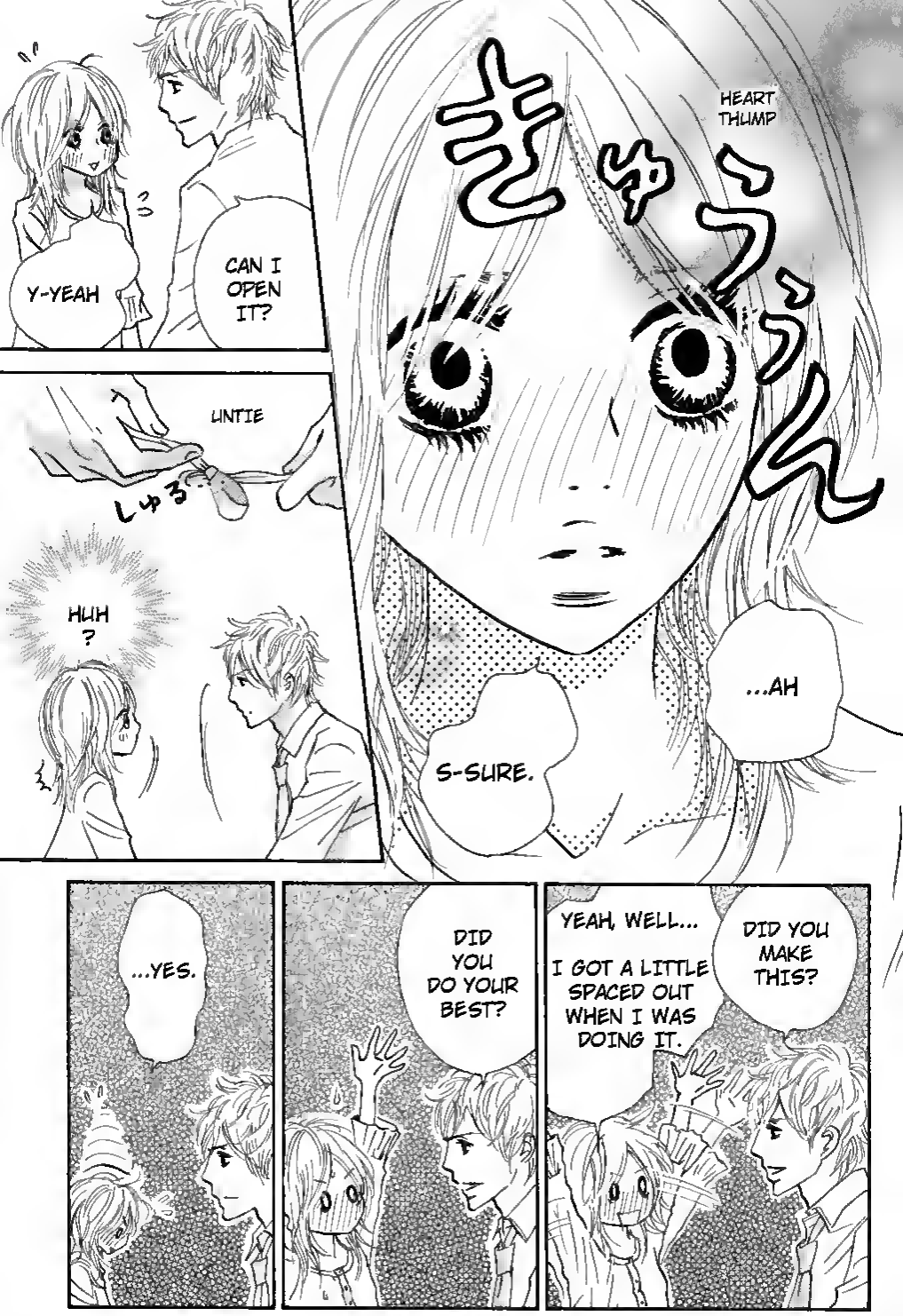
AH, NOTHING.
THANKS A LOT.
GOOD BYE THEN.
ポン
PUSH IN
DOOR CLOSING
バタン
ROLL OVER
ゴロン
IS HE COMING YET?
ROLL OVER
ゴロン
I SENT HIM A MESSAGE TO COME HOME EARLY.
~DING DONG~
ピンポーン
IT'S YUSUKE!

WELCOME BACK~!
PANT
PANT
キャン
YAP YAP
キャン
I'M HOME~!
AM I EARLY ENOUGH ?
YES, YOU ARE!
WHEN SHOULD I GIVE THE CHOCOLATE TO HIM?
.....
WELL...
NOW?
AFTER THE DINNER?
OR, JUST BEFORE HE LEAVES?
I WASN'T PLANNING ENOUGH...
うう
?
HMMM...
ん

PINCH
つ、つねった
YOU FORGOT IT?
WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
WHAT ?
AH... WHAT WAS IT?
HUH? WHERE'S YOUR SISTER ?
SHE'S AT KAZUSHI-KUN'S.
I SEE...
W-WHAT IS IT?!
LIFT
ひょい
WE'RE ALONE THEN!
SHRIEK!

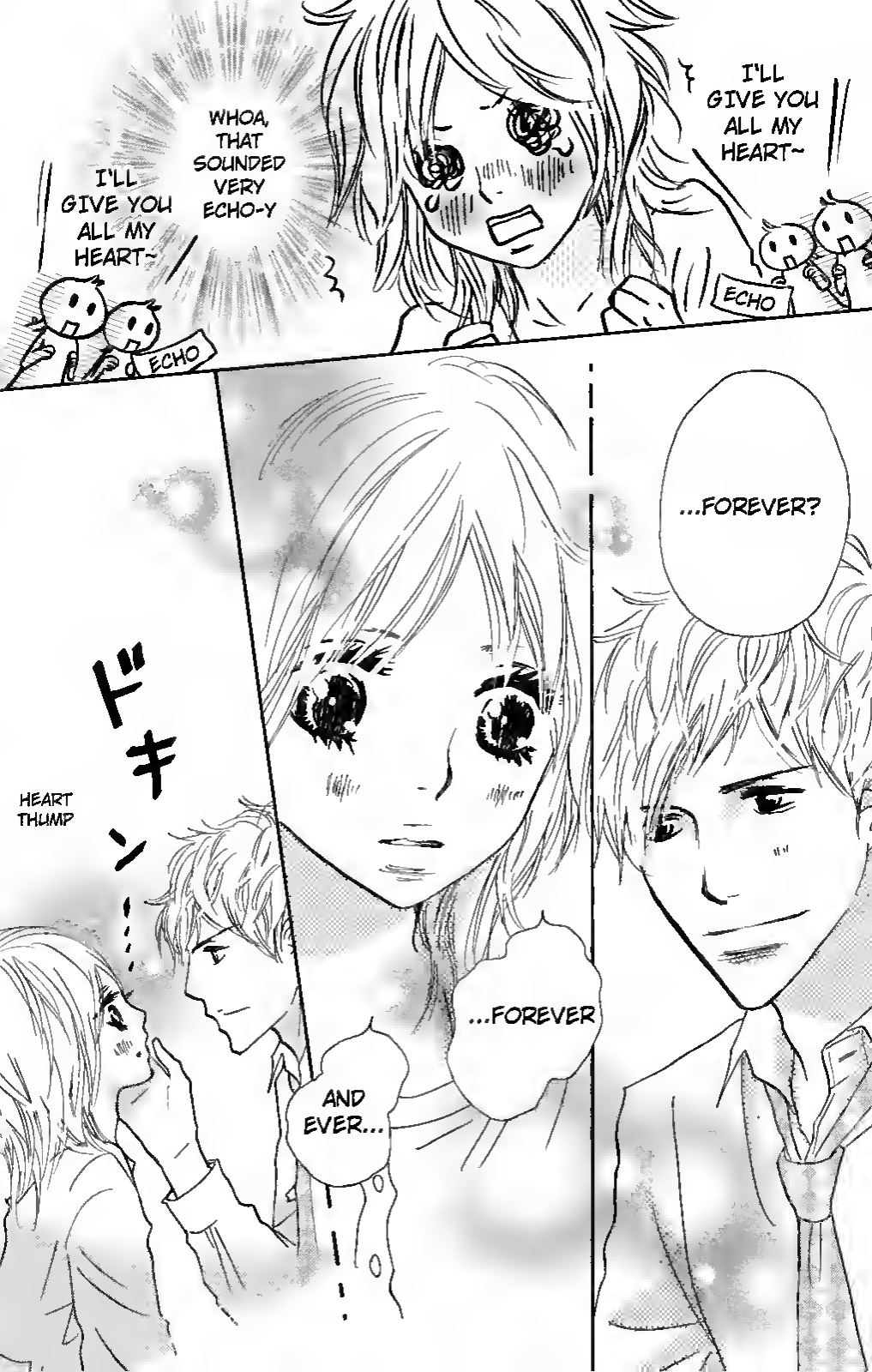
I'M GONNA EAT YOU BEFORE DINNER.
G-GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES!
ALRIGHT, ONLY FIVE MINUTES.
RUN
GIGGLE
B-BMP
B-BMP
AWWW... I FEEL MY EARS BLUSHING.
OK!
HOW LONG?
I'M GONNA GIVE IT TO HIM NOW!
WAIT A SEC!
...WA

B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
GLANCE
FOR YOU, FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!
HERE!
WELL, THIS IS...
THANK YOU.


CAN I OPEN IT?
Y-YEAH
UNTIE
しゅる
HUH ?
HEART THUMP
きゅうん
S-SURE.
...AH
...YES.
DID YOU DO YOUR BEST?
YEAH, WELL... I GOT A LITTLE SPACED OUT WHEN I WAS DOING IT.
DID YOU MAKE THIS?

HUH ?
WHY DID HE ASK ME THAT?
ALRIGHT THEN, LET'S OPEN IT!
IORI…?
(いおり)
.....
コクン
NOD
IORI
DOES THIS MEAN...
YOU WANT ME TO EAT YOU?
EEK!!
ぎゃっ!!

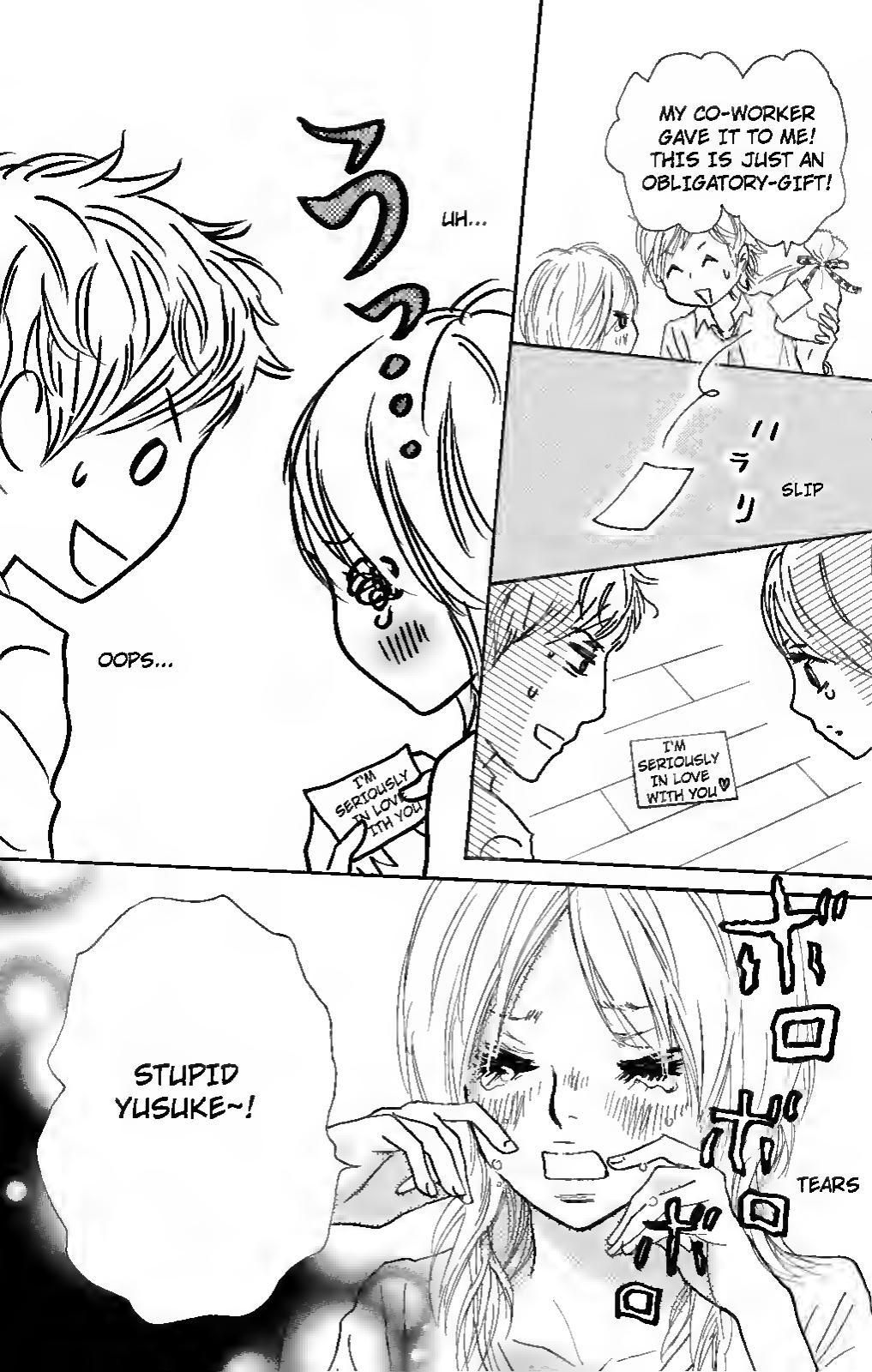
IS THAT WHAT HE THINKS?
カアアア
BLUSH(H)
N-NO... THIS IS MY...
THIS MEANS I'LL GIVE HIM ALL MY HEART...
うわぁ
WEEP!
HOW CAN I SAY THAT?!
THAT MEANS I REALLY LOVE HIM SO MUCH...
THIS IS YOUR WHAT?
... WELL
I MEAN...
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL MY HEART!


I'LL GIVE YOU ALL MY HEART~
ECHO
WHOA, THAT SOUNDED VERY ECHO-Y
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL MY HEART~
ECHO
...FOREVER?
ドキン!!!
HEART THUMP
...FOREVER
AND EVER...

CAN I EAT?
B-BMP
B-BMP
WELL...
B-BMP
HMM,
AH...
B-BMP
SHOULD I SAY YES?!
...THE CHOCOLATE.
...THE CHOCOLATE ?
NOD
AH!
YOU WERE THINKING SOMETHING NAUGHTY!
EEEEK!
TRUE!
星

PUSH OVER
ゴロン
YOU'RE LYING!
NO~! I WASN'T!
YOU'RE MEAN~!
YOU SEDUCED ME.
...CHOCO ...
B-BMP
B-BMP
SORRY, YOUR BAG...
DON'T TALK.
AH

I SAID DON'T TALK...
YUSUKE ?
HEY
UNBU-TTON
WHAT ?
AH
THIS IS JUST...
IORI-CHAN...?
MUMBLE
IT LOOKS HANDMADE.


MY CO-WORKER GAVE IT TO ME! THIS IS JUST AN OBLIGATORY-GIFT!
SLIP
I'M SERIOUSLY IN LOVE WITH YOU
UH...
OOPS...
I'M SERIOUSLY IN LOVE ITH YOU
STUPID YUSUKE~!
TEARS

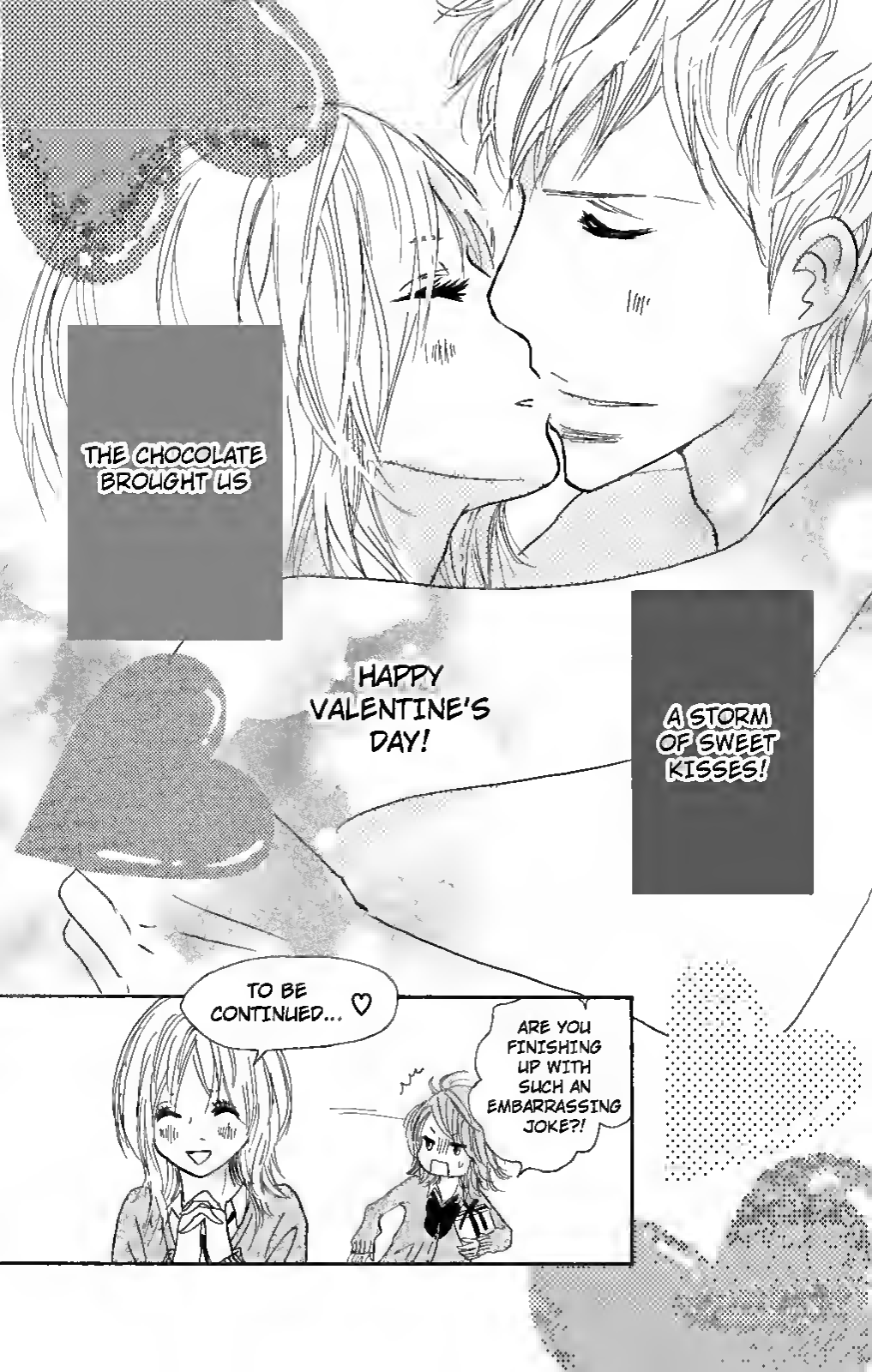
IORI, I'M SORRY!
DON'T CRY!
SOB! YOU CHEATED ON ME!
CHEATED ON YOU?!
グサ
STUB
STUB
グサ
思いあたる一節
RINGS A BELL...
HEY!
DON'T SAY STUPID THINGS!
HEY,
"SERIOUSLY" MEANS....
YUSUKE IS VERY POPULAR, JUST AS I EXPECTED.
グス....
SNIFF...

.....
CAN I GIVE YOU MY EXCUSE?
I'M SORRY, I WASN'T CAREFUL ENOUGH.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN.
I PUT IT IN MY BAG WITHOUT THINKING ANYTHING.
I WAS IN A HURRY BECAUSE YOU SENT ME THE MESSAGE.
THEN MUKAI-SAN IN THE OFFICE GAVE IT TO ME.
...I'M REALLY SORRY.
YUSUKE...

ACTUALLY...
TRUST ME.
I'M NOT CHEATING ON YOU.
I'M NOT REALLY THINKING THAT HE'S CHEATING ON ME.
I REALLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYBODY ELSE BUT YOU.
A LOT.
DO YOU LOVE ME...?

I TRUST HIM.
I LOVE HIM.
HE'S FEELING THE SAME WAY.
...I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
I'M SPECIAL TO YUSUKE.
I CAN THINK LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

CAN I CONTINUE?
WHOA!
THEN, IORI-CHAN...
YES?
THE SUDDEN SITUATION CHANGE MADE ME STOP THINKING.
B-BMP
B-BMP
YUSUKE KISSES ON MY BEATING HEART.
B-BMP
HE TURNS ME ON COMPLETELY.
B-BMP


THE CHOCOLATE BROUGHT US
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
A STORM OF SWEET KISSES!
TO BE CONTINUED... ♡
ARE YOU FINISHING UP WITH SUCH AN EMBARRASSING JOKE?!

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A KISS ON TEARFUL CHEEKS

HIS VOICE SOUNDS A LITTLE ANXIOUS.
I'M A BIT NERVOUS.
AGE 24,
SINGLE,
EISHIN PUBLISHER SALES MANAGER.
YUSUKE IZUMI

TOMORROW, MY PARENTS WILL FINALLY ARRIVE IN JAPAN.
B-BUT, DON'T FORGET THAT
THEIR MAIN PURPOSE IS TO TALK ABOUT SHIORI-CHAN.
I WAS GOING TO MEET THEM ANYWAY.
AS I WAS TALKING TO HIM I WAS ALSO GETTING NERVOUS.
B-BMP
B-BMP
AH...
FOR OUR MARRIAGE...
YUSUKE SOUNDS SHY...

I HOPE THEY'RE GONNA LET YOU MARRY ME.
NICE GUTS!
IF...
THEY WON'T, I'LL STILL MARRY YOU!
HEART THUMP
I LOVE YOU...

I LOVE HIM TOO...
TOMORROW,
I WILL INTRODUCE MY MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO MY PARENTS.
DAD, MOM,
I'M CRAZY ABOUT YUSUKE.
SO... PLEASE DON'T SAY NO.

HELLO GIRLS!
WE'RE BACK~!
WELCOME BACK!
HUG
ぐ"ふっ
IO~!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
HAVE YOU GOTTEN SICK AT ALL?

A LOT
どっさり♪
DAD, LET'S GO INSIDE.
...I'VE BEEN FINE.
OK OK
HERE! THESE ARE FOR YOU, IO!
AND, THESE ARE FOR SHIORI.
MY DAD SEEMS TO REALLY WANT TO BRING ME TO AMERICA WITH THEM.
HE MUST BE THINKING THAT SHIORI-CHAN'S MARRIAGE HAS BECOME A GOOD TRIGGER FOR THAT.
HE'S CRAZY ABOUT YOU AS USUAL.
ボソ WHISPER
IT MAY BE GOING TO BE HARD.
ドキ THUMP
DON'T WORRY, I'LL DO MY BEST!
ぐっ FIST

TURN
くるっ
IO.
くる
TURN
SHIO, WHERE'S KAZUSHI-KUN?
AH, HE SAID HE WAS COMING AFTER WORK.
OF COURSE, YOU'RE COMING TO AMERICA WITH US, AREN'T YOU?
ALREADY !?
WHAT
AH, WELL...
SHIO IS GETTING MARRIED.
YOU CAN'T LIVE WITH THEM, CAN YOU?
ABOUT THAT...
SHE'S GRADUATING NEXT YEAR.
I FEEL BAD IF SHE HAS TO GET SEPARATED FROM HER FRIENDS NOW.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER UNTIL SHE GRADUATE.
ALSO, YOU WON'T HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE.
BUT, IO CAN MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN NO TIME.
ALSO, SHE CAN'T STAY WITH A NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE...
HEART BEAT
SHIO, YOU'RE HAVING A BABY.
HEART BEAT
BUT...
HEART BEAT
EYES MEET
MOM...
MOM HAS THE EXPRESSION THAT SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING.
IO?

GLITS!
IO!
OK?
COME TO AMERICA WITH US.
UNTIL NOW,
SHIORI-CHAN HAS ALWAYS HELPED ME DECIDE MY FUTURE.
WHEN I DECIDED ON HIGH SCHOOL...
I'LL PROTECT YUSUKE BY MYSELF.
BUT
I MUST DO THAT!
ALSO, WHEN MY FATHER MOVED TO AMERICA...
WANNA STAY IN JAPAN.
DAD, I...

YOU DON'T WANNA GO WITH YOUR DAD?
.....
DAD...!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, BUT...
OH NO,
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN...
YOU FOUND SOMEBODY WHO YOU WANNA STAY WITH, DIDN'T YOU?
...MOM...
!?
IS IT POSSIBLE ?
BUT, IORI IS STILL A CHILD!

MOM,
T-THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY!
BUT, WHEN I STARTED DATING WITH YOU, I WAS SEVENTEEN.
DAD...
I FOUND SOMEBODY VERY IMPORTANT TO ME...
...I DON'T WANNA BE
SEPARATED FROM HIM.

BUT
BUT
I WON'T GO.
I KNOW...
PLANNING TO TAKE YOU WITH ME THIS TIME....
I WAS...
...IO
I'M SORRY, DAD.
WILL YOU LET ME MEET HIM?
THUMP
ドーン!

YOU WILL COME TO AMERICA WITH ME,
OK?
LET'S PROMISE,
IF HE WAS SOMEBODY THAT I CAN'T ACCEPT,
DAD, THAT'S...
OK.
IF MY DAD DOESN'T ACCEPT HIM, IT'LL BE OVER...
IT'S OK.
HEY, IO!
I'LL DO WAHTEVER YOU SAY.
BUT, I CAN'T JUST IGNORE MY DAD'S FEELINGS...

I TRUST MY DAD.
OK, IT'S A DEAL.
ALSO, I BELIEVE IN YUSUKE.
IT'LL BE A LIE IF I SAY THAT I'M NOT WORRIED AT ALL, BUT...
HMM...
IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE THAT I'LL BE SEPARATED FROM YUSUKE,
...I GUESS...

IORI NARAZAKI, SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.
I'M ENCOUNTERING THE MOST DIFFICULT MOMENT IN MY LIFE RIGHT NOW!
MY DEAR GOD,
WILL I BE ABLE TO STAY IN JAPAN?
CLANG
カチーン
CHEERS!

KAZUSHI-KUN JOINED US, AND WE HAD DINNER PEACEFULLY.
WE BOOKED A RESTAURANT AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.
YUSUKE WILL ALSO BE JOINING US AFTER WORK.
THAT'S NOT MY CONCERN RIGHT NOW...
I'M NOT WORRY ABOUT SHIORI.
I WILL CERTAINLY MAKE SHIORI-SAN HAPPY.
WHAT SHOULD I DO~?
B-BMP
B-BMP
KAZUSHI-KUN LOOKS COOL...
HA HA
IORI, ARE YOU GOING WELL WITH IZUMI-SENPAI?
ドキン
THUMP

SPLASH
MAYBE, I WOULD BECOME HIS STEP-BROTHER IN THE FUTURE.
T-THAT'S RIGHT...
YUSUKE USED TO BE KAZUSHI-KUN'S SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL.
OF...
OF COURSE
N-NOTHING AT ALL!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
STARE
じっ
WHOA!
BEEP
BEEP
CHUCKLE
SORRY
HEY~!

YUSUKE
YUSUKE
080XXXXXXXX
EXCUSE ME.
AH,
H-HELLO?
HEY,
IT'S ME.
YUSUKE'S VOICE SOUNDS COMFORTING.
IT RELAXES ME.
I JUST FINISHED WORKING.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
HEY, WE'RE AT THE RESTAURANT CALLED CLOX BY THE SHORE.
DO YOU KNOW IT?
AH, OK.
I SHOULD BE THERE IN TEN MINUTES.
GOOD, WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU.
.....
...BUT

...HOW'S IT GOING?
KAZUSHI IS ALSO THERE, ISN'T HE?
IT MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME EVER HIS VOICE SOUNDS SO ANXIOUS.
YEAH...
THE MOOD HAS BEEN PEACEFUL SO FAR.
...THAT'S GOOD.
HE MUST BE NERVOUS.
ALRIGHT, I'M COMING THEN.
I'M SORRY.
HEY, YUSUKE.
OK
WHAT?
I'LL PROTECT HIM.
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.
THE FOOD TASTES DELICIOUS.

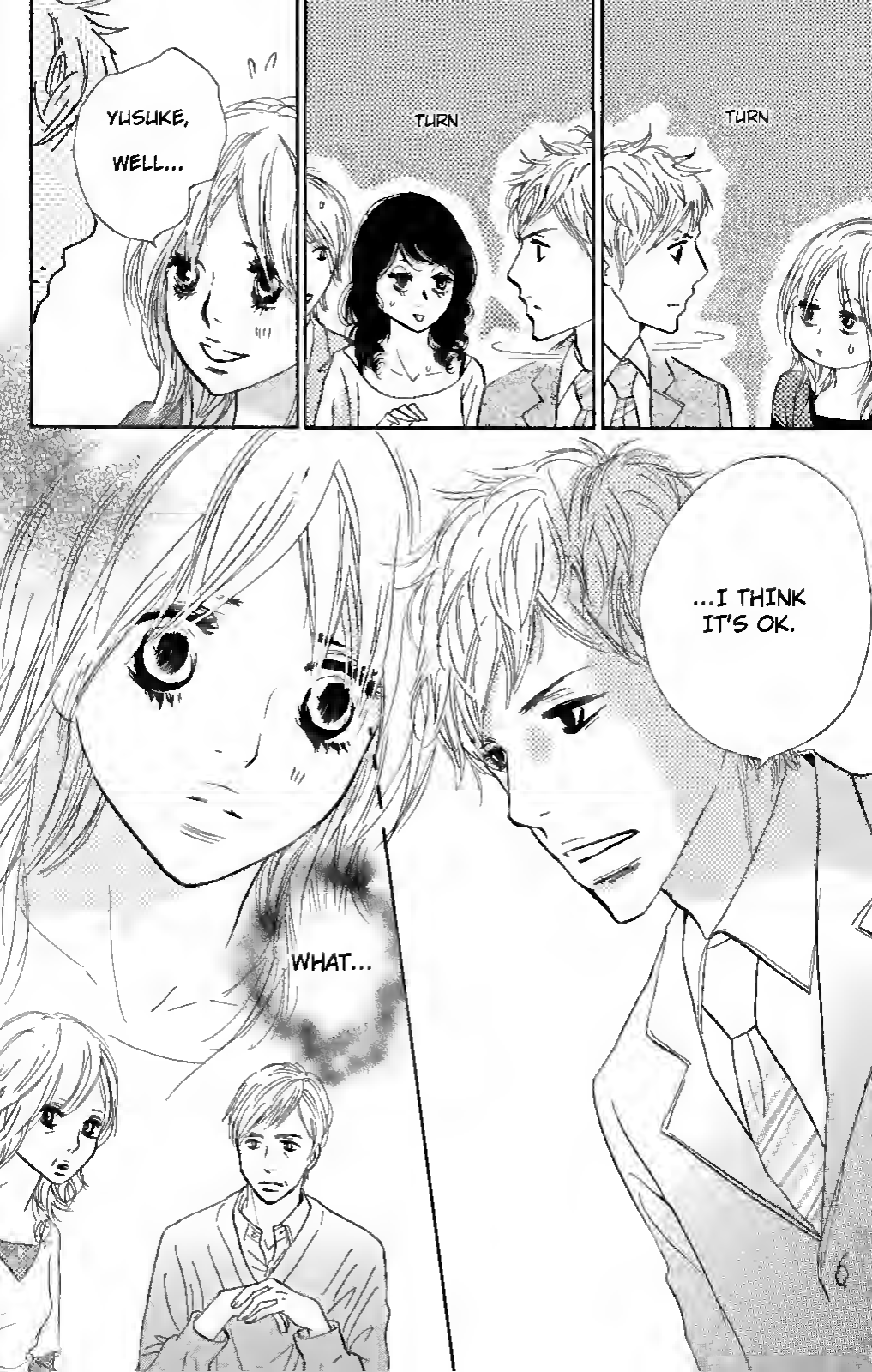
REALLY? I'M SO HUNGRY! I'M GONNA EAT A LOT!
SURE! I'LL SEE YOU SOON THEN!
IORI.
HUH?
THANKS
FOR YOUR HELP.
HEART THUMP
MAYBE...
HE HEARD MY VOICE IN MY HEART?
MY DARLING VOICE RUN THROUGH ALL MY FIVE SENSES.

I'M WAITING FOR YOU.
YUSUKE, CAN I BELIEVE THAT OUR MINDS ARE CONNECTED TOGETHER?
THAT WAS IZUMI-KUN?
YUP
DAD, MOM, HE SAID HE'S GONNA BE HERE IN TEN MINUTES OR SO.
GOOD.
DEAR, ISN'T IT EXCITING?
SURE...
ヒク
TWITCH
...HIS FACE IS TWITCHING....

YUSUKE!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE!
NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY NAME IS YUSUKE IZUMI.
I'VE BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DAUGHTER.

HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M IORI'S MOTHER.
SMILE
...NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M IORI'S FATHER.
MY DAD IS OBVIOUSLY CONFUSED...
AS I WAS EXPECTING, KIND OF...
SIT HERE, YUSUKE.
AH, THANKS.
...IZUMI-KUN.
IZUMI-SAN, YOU MUST BE HUNGRY.
HERE, EAT.

THUMP
YES.
I'M THINKING TO TAKE IORI WITH ME TO AMERICA.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT, IZUMI-KUN?
.....?
WHAT?! ALREADY!!
DAD...!
BECAUSE ...
I HAVEN'T TOLD YUSUKE ABOUT GOING TO AMERICA.
STUNNED


YUSUKE, WELL...
TURN
TURN
...I THINK IT'S OK.
WHAT...

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YES, STUDYING ABROAD WILL BE AN GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR IORI-SAN.
YUSUKE ...?
DOESN'T HE CARE IF WE GET SEPARATED ...?
I SEE, YOU'RE PREPARED FOR THAT.
HA HA
I MEAN, IT'LL ONLY BE FEW YEARS OUT OF
THE WHOLE AMOUNT OF TIME I'LL BE SPENDING WITH IORI-SAN FROM NOW ON.

SO, YOU ARE THINKING TO STAY WITH IORI IN THE FUTURE?
OF COURSE.
...YU?
THAT'S WHY,
IF IT'LL BE A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR HER, I'LL AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF HER GOING TO AMERICA.

YUSUKE...
DAD...
IT'S EASY FOR ME TO BRING IORI TO AMERICA.
IZUMI-KUN

BUT,
IORI SAID
SHE MET SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT TO HER.
IF I FORCE HER TO COME WITH ME TO AMERICA,
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE HER SWEET SMILE AGAIN.
...DAD?
IF SHE'LL KEEP SMILING,
MAYBE, I SHOULD ASK YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

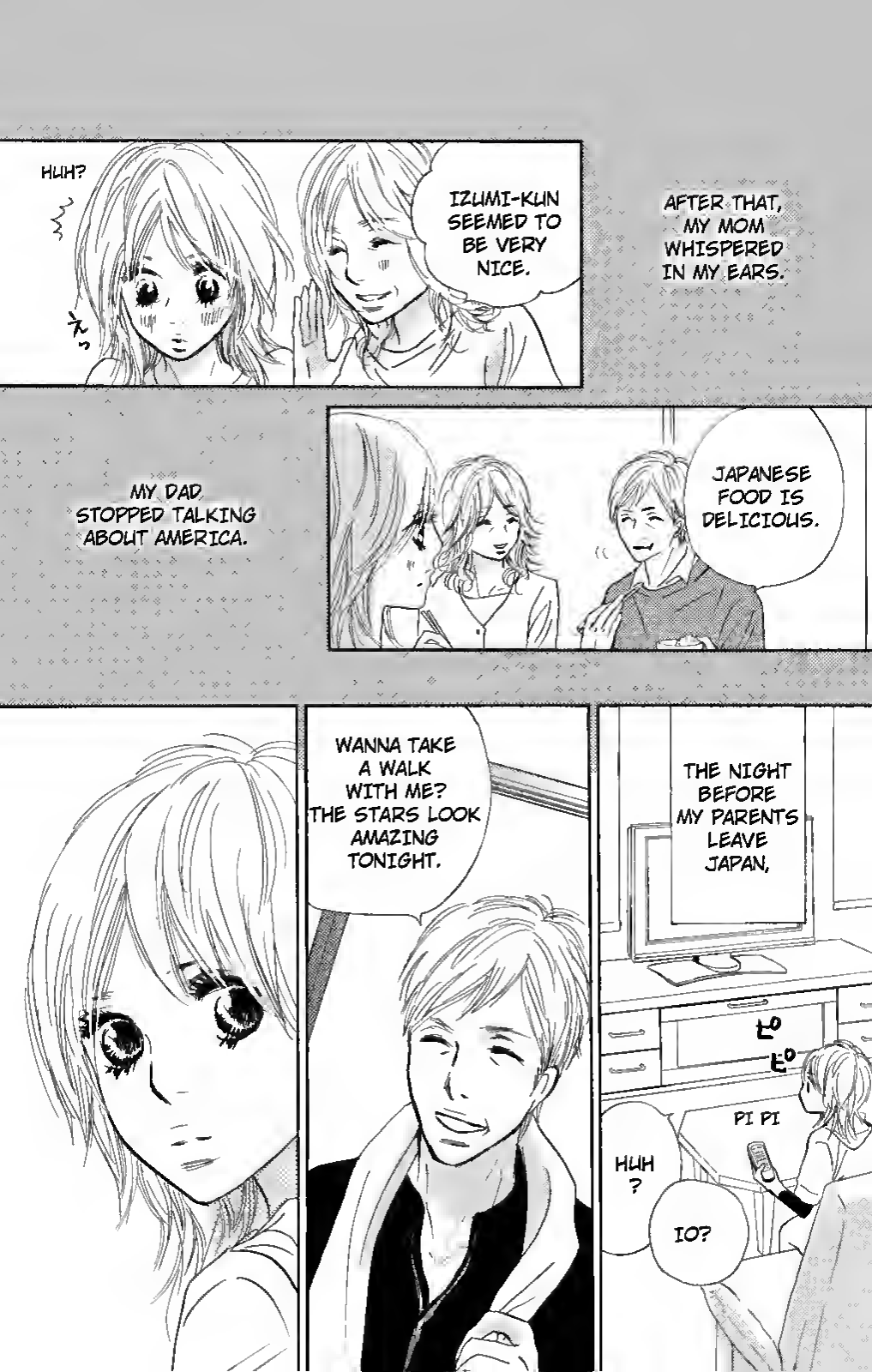
...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
...UH
GOOD FOR YOU, IORI.
SOB!
YOU'RE GREAT, DAD.

BUT, I FELT A LITTLE SORRY FOR MY DAD.
DAD?
HUH?
THAT MY FATHER ACCEPTED HIM.
I'M SO HAPPY
I LOVE YOU!

HE WOULD KILL ME IF I MADE YOU CRY.
YOUR FATHER IS REALLY NICE.
...YEAH
ME TOO.
HEY, YUSUKE?
HUH?
YOU DIDN'T CARE IF I WENT TO AMERICA?
YEAH
THOSE WERE MY TRUE FEELINGS.

I DON'T WANNA BE SEPARATED FROM YOU THOUGH.
ME NEITHER.
.....
IF YOU WERE IN AMERICA OR THE NORTH POLE,
I WOULD STILL COME SEE YOU WHEREVER YOU WERE.
THEN WHY?
HA HA
I'M NOT SURE.
SCREECH
キキッ
...BUT, WHAT IF I MET SOMEONE ELSE?
HUH?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU.
トゥキン
HEART THUMP...

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF MY LOVE.
HE IS FULL OF CONFIDENCE AND
MAKES MY HEART RACE CONSTANTLY.
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
YUSUKE IZUMI, TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OLD.
HE LOVES ME MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE.
AND, I LOVE HIM MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE.


HUH?
IZUMI-KUN SEEMED TO BE VERY NICE.
AFTER THAT, MY MOM WHISPERED IN MY EARS.
JAPANESE FOOD IS DELICIOUS.
MY DAD STOPPED TALKING ABOUT AMERICA.
WANNA TAKE A WALK WITH ME? THE STARS LOOK AMAZING TONIGHT.
THE NIGHT BEFORE MY PARENTS LEAVE JAPAN,
PI PI
HUH?
IO?

I THOUGHT THOSE STARS LOOKED SHINIER BEFORE.
STARS ?
IT'S SO COLD OUT!
YEAH
I USED TO TAKE STROLLS WITH YOU AND SHIORI.
REALLY?
TIME HAS PASSED SO MUCH THAT THOSE SAME STARS LOOK DIFFERENT NOW.

I KIND OF UNDERSTOOD WHAT MY DAD WAS TRYING TO SAY...
HEY, IO?
HUH?
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH.
HIS VOICE IS SHAKING ...?
...DAD?
YOU'VE GROWN UP.

...DAD?
HUH?
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
ALWAYS ALWAYS
YOU'RE CRYING AGAIN.
BECAUSE...
ぐずっ...
SNIFF...
I'M A CRYBABY
BECAUSE I'M LIKE MY DAD.

PROMISE ME,
...?
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE HAPPY.
THEN, I CAN GO BACK TO AMERICA WITHOUT ANY CONCERN.
YOU'VE NEVER BROKE PROMISES SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE.
SOB!
HA HA
は
は
...DAD, YOU'RE ALMOST CRYING TOO.

A PROMISE BETWEEN A CRYING FATHER AND A CRYING DAUGHTER.
WE MADE A PINKY SWEAR WHILE WIPING OFF OUR TEARS.
ONLY THOSE STARS, SHINING IN THE WINTER SKY, SAW THE STRONG TIE OF OUR PINKY FINGERS.

THE NEXT DAY, MY PARENTS FLEW BACK TO AMERICA.

ゴォォォ…

AIRPLANE ROARS

DAD, MOM, I'M SORRY.

BUT, I'M HAPPY BECAUSE I'M WITH YUSUKE NOW.

DAD, I'LL KEEP YOUR PROMISE

WITH YUSUKE FROM NOW ON.

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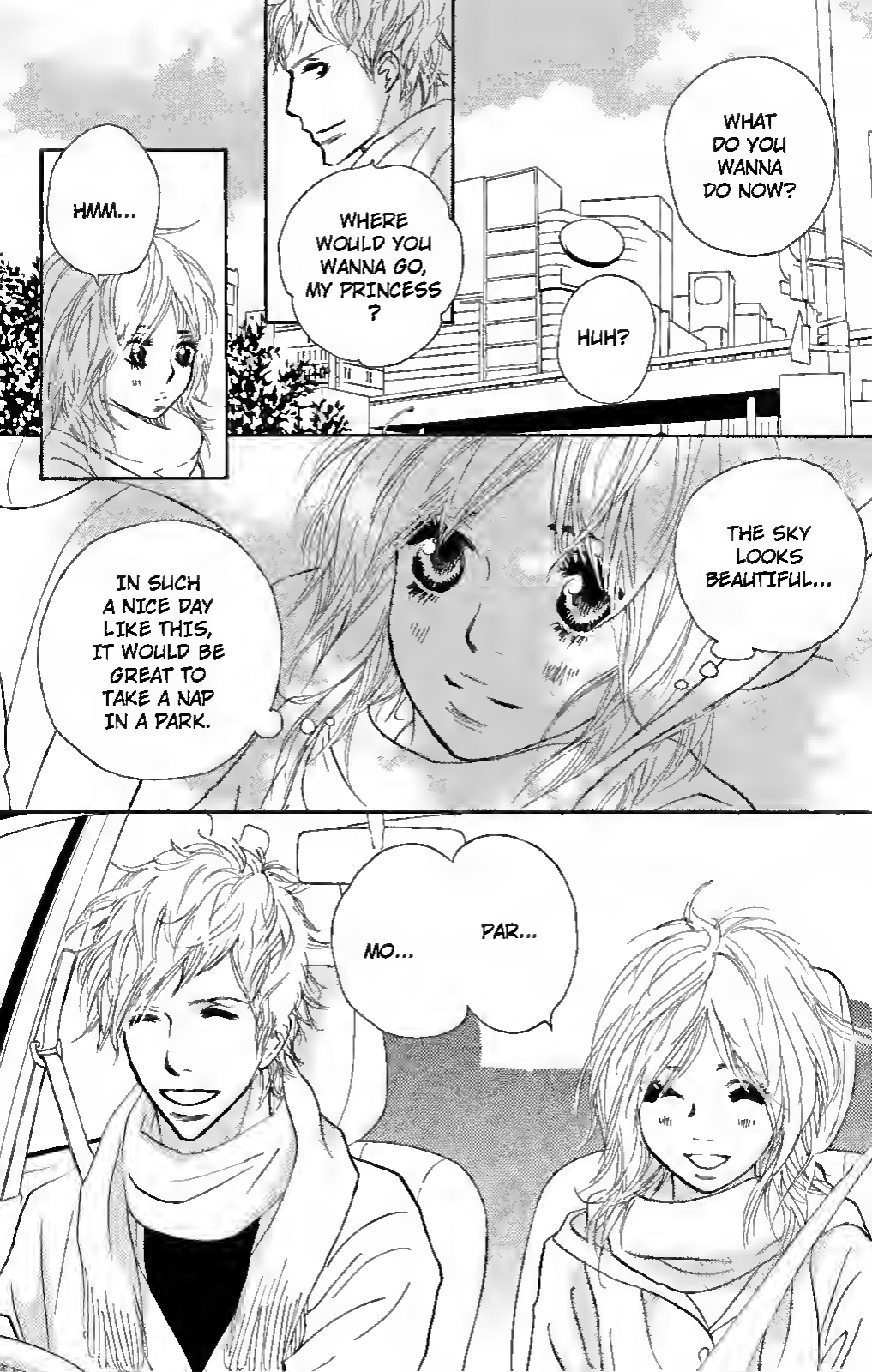
A KISS ON TEARFUL CHEEKS

AS I CRIED, I GAVE MY WORD TO MY DAD
THAT I'LL DEFINITELY BE HAPPY WITH YUSUKE.
MOM...
DAD...

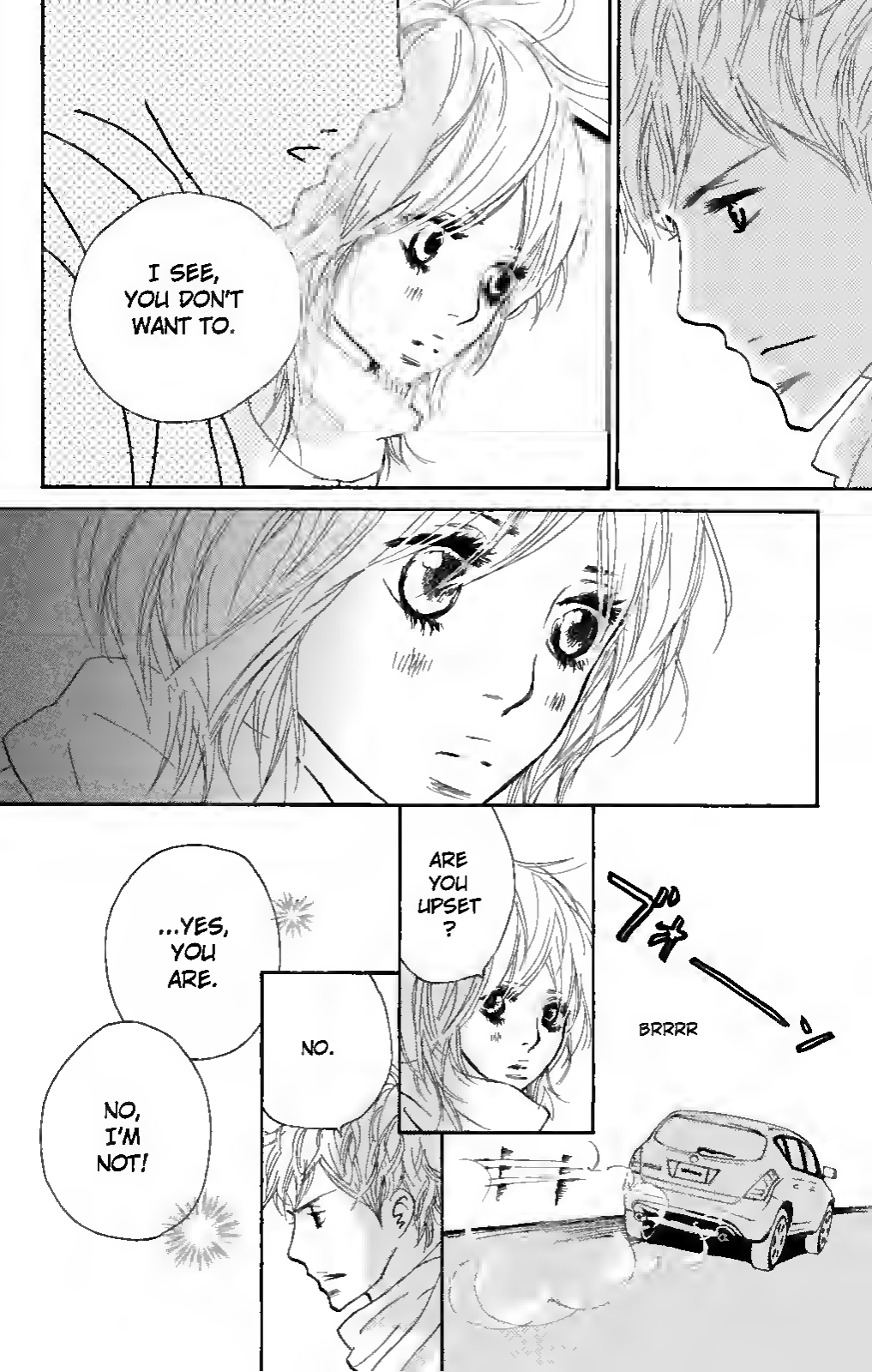
ブォー
BRRRR
THE WEATHER WAS GETTING WARMER BEFORE I EVEN NOTICED.
SNIFF
ぐすん
SHALL WE GO?
SPRING WIND ENTERED THROUGH THE CAR WINDOW.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE LONELY WHILE I'M WITH YOU.
...HEH HEH
WE'RE GETTING ALONG AS USUAL.
BUT, WE'RE STILL HUMANS...
MISUNDER-STANDING CAN OCCUR FROM SMALL THINGS.

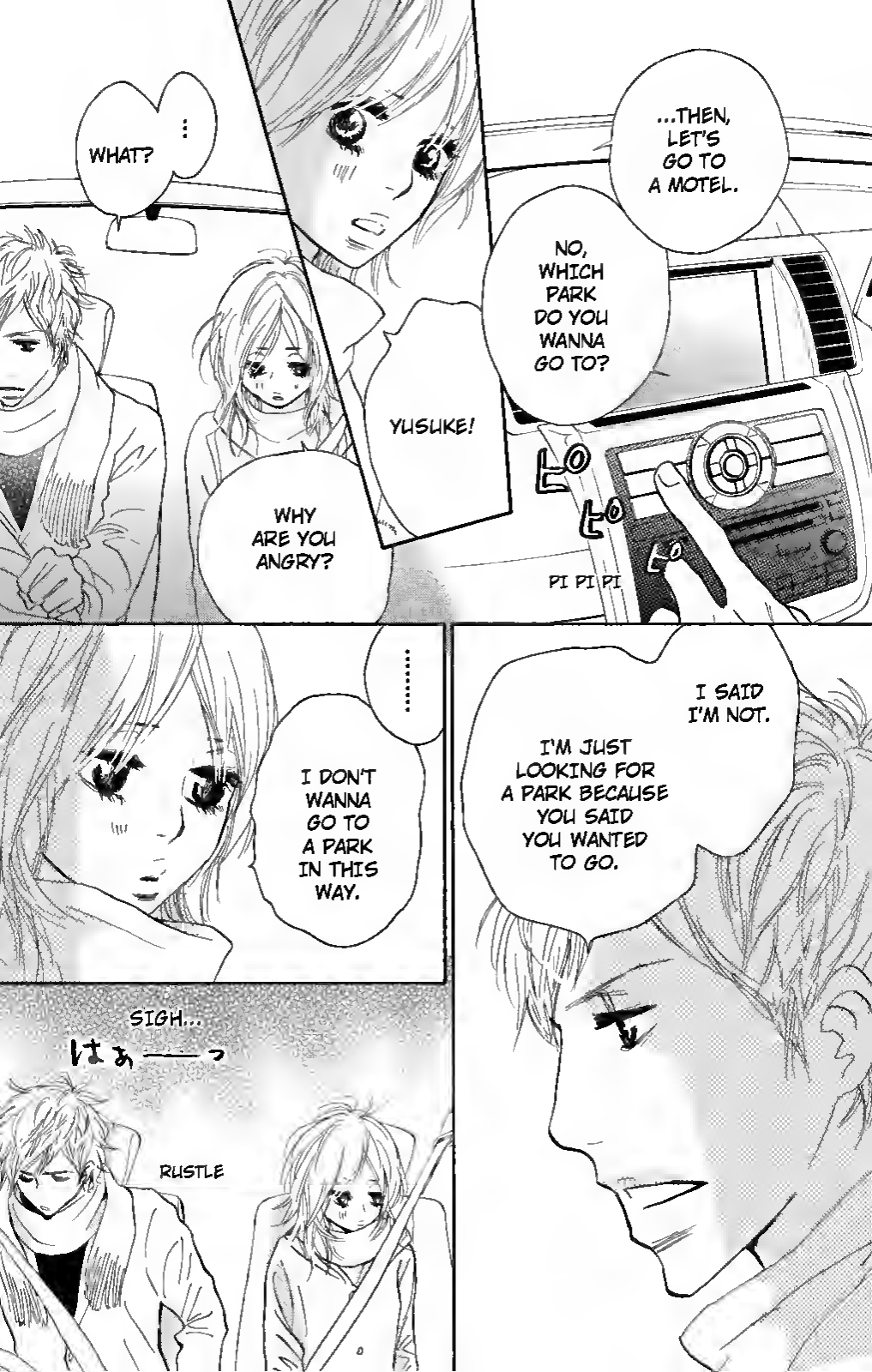

HMM...
WHERE WOULD YOU WANNA GO, MY PRINCESS ?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO NOW?
IN SUCH A NICE DAY LIKE THIS, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO TAKE A NAP IN A PARK.
THE SKY LOOKS BEAUTIFUL...
MO...
PAR...

LET'S GO TO A MOTEL.
HMM? YOU GO AHEAD, IORI.
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY. YUSUKE?
NOOO, YOU GO AHEAD, YUSUKE.
YEAH YEAH
ME~?
MO...
MOTEL?!
NOW?!
SMILE
.....

IORI?
...IT'S A NICE DAY TODAY.
WHY DON'T WE GO TO A PARK INSTEAD?
.....
YOU DON'T WANT TO?
THUMP
GOOD BYE, IO.
DAD...
IT'S A PROMISE.
YOU MUST BECOME HAPPY.
I LOVE YOU DAD.
OUCH
HE DOESN'T GET IT...
THEN, LET'S GO!
AFTER SEEING OFF MY PARENTS LIKE THAT, I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING TO A MOTEL...
NO... NOT LIKE THAT.

YUSUKE...
LOOK! THE MOTEL LOOKS GREAT!
NOT AT ALL! I WANNA MAKE LOVE TO YOU!
DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY WASTING THIS BEAUTIFUL WEATHER?
I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING WRONG...
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
I'M HAPPY, BUT...
SORRY, YUSUKE.
LET'S GO TO A PARK.
THERE'S NO MOOD OR ANYTHING?
WELL ...
SHINING
HOW CAN I SAY...


I SEE, YOU DON'T WANT TO.
ARE YOU UPSET ?
NO.
...YES, YOU ARE.
NO, I'M NOT!
BRRRR


WHAT?
...
YUSUKE!
WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?
...THEN, LET'S GO TO A MOTEL.
NO, WHICH PARK DO YOU WANNA GO TO?
PI PI PI
I DON'T WANNA GO TO A PARK IN THIS WAY.
SIGH...
はぁ――っ
RUSTLE
I'M JUST LOOKING FOR A PARK BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO GO.
I SAID I'M NOT.

HE MUST BE FRUSTRATED...
BLOW
HE RARELY SMOKES WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER...
LIGHT
CIGARETTE...
バタン!
DOOR SHUT!
I'M GOING HOME!
HEY...
IORI!

WHY IS HE ANGRY?
WHO IS WRONG?
WHO IS ACTING UNUSUAL? ME?
BEEP
WHY...?
YUSUKE 090DXDXXDXX
BEEP
BEEP
YUSUKE...
I LOVE HIM SO MUCH, BUT...

"WHERE ARE YOU? STOP THIS NONSENSE!"
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT HE WOULD GET ANGRY...
HEART BEAT
I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN...
IS THIS MY FAULT?
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
MESSAGE RECEIVED
YUSUKE

IO?
PLOP
PLOP
SOB...
.....
!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
JUN-KUN...?

...YOU'RE CRYING AGAIN.
...IF YOU WERE WITH ME, I WOULDN'T MAKE YOU CRY.
JUN-KUN, ...W-WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I HAD AN INTER-VIEW.
...IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW.
WHY ARE YOU CRYING HERE ALONE?
WHERE'S THAT GUY?
.....
GRAB
ぎゅっ
!?

...I HAVE TO GET OUT.
I CAN'T GO WITH YOU.
DOOR SHUT!
IT'S OK. I'LL BRING YOU BACK HOME.
...JUN-KUN...!
I CAN'T LET YOU DRIVE ME HOME.
IF... YOU ARE UNHAPPY LIKE THIS, I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU.
...JUN-KUN?
I CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE.

HEART BEAT
I'M GONNA STEAL YOU FROM HIM.
IO
I REALLY LIKE YOU.
...UH...
...SOB...
DON'T TOUCH HER!

!?
...YU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SERIOUSLY, THIS IS TOO MUCH!
ANSWER MY CALL.
SHE RAN OUT CRYING, DIDN'T SHE? I WOULDN'T LET HER DO THAT IF I WERE YOU.
JUN-KUN...
DOOR SHUT

...EEK!
I'LL STEAL HER FROM YOU!
...JUN-KUN?
THIS IS JUST A TINY FIGHT.
DON'T GET EXCITED.
SORRY, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU.
WAIT!
DON'T RUN AWAY!
I'LL LISTEN TO YOU ANOTHER TIME.

STOP
ピタ
YU...
YUSUKE
WHAT ?
.....
ARE YOU CRAZY?
YOU RUN OUT OF MY CAR LIKE THAT AND DON'T EVEN ANSWER MY CALLS.
THEN, YOU ENDED UP GETTING IN ANOTHER GUY'S CAR.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ?

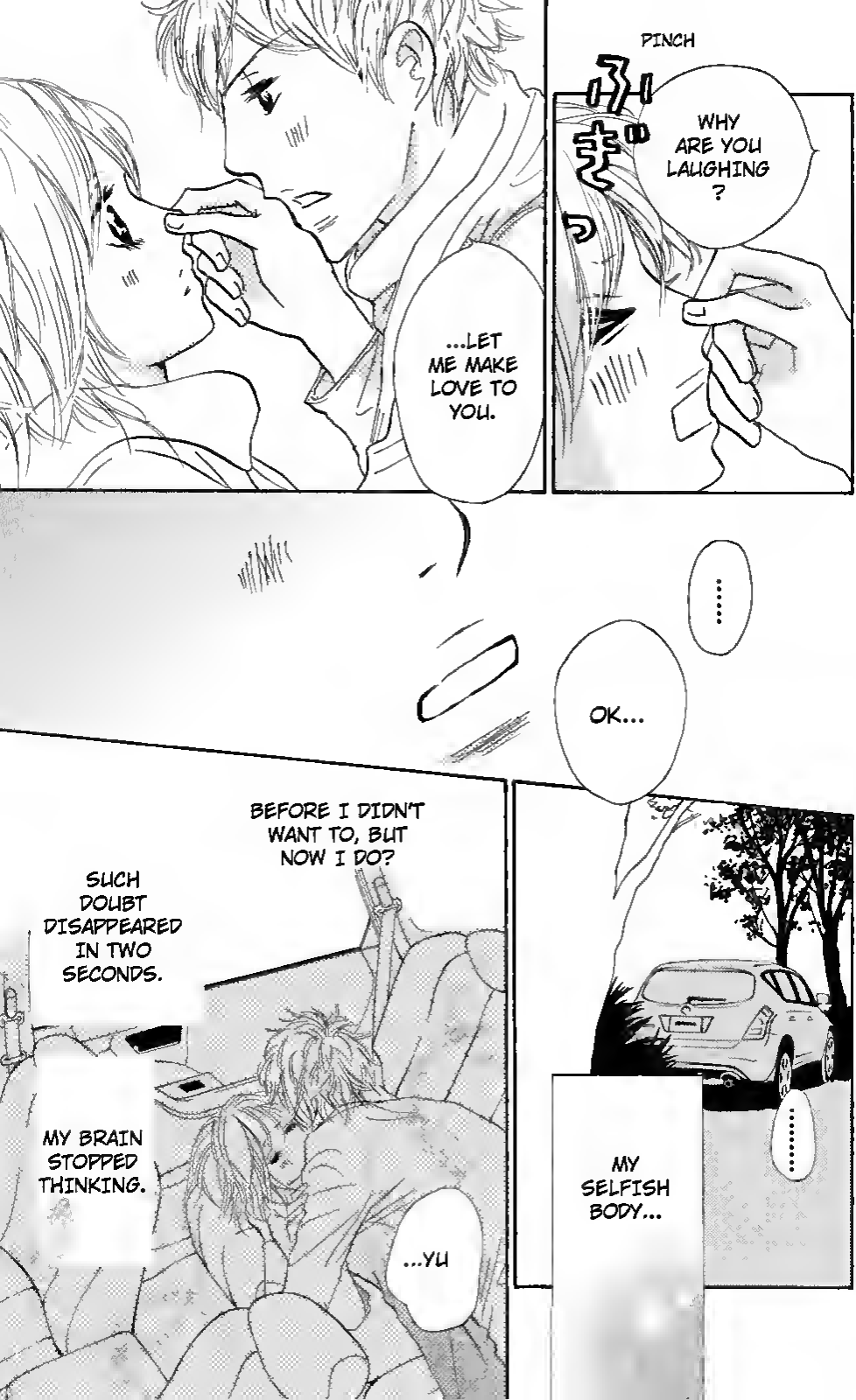
...SOB...
THIS TIME, JUST CRYING WON'T WORK.
...SNIFF...
SHAKE
SHAKE
WHERE WERE YOU TRYING TO GO WITH HIM?
YOU DON'T LIKE ME?

THEN, WHY?
YUSUKE...
WHAT?
WHAT?
YOU GOT ANGRY.
WHEN I SAID THAT I DIDN'T WANNA GO TO A MOTEL, YOU GOT UPSET.
...I WASN'T REALLY ANGRY...
I...
RIGHT AFTER SEEING MY PARENTS...
グスッ
SNIFF...

YOU UNDERSTAND ?
I WANTED TO MAKE LOVE WITH YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
HEART THUMP
...BUT
WHAT ABOUT MY FEELINGS THEN?
...YEAH
I'M SORRY.
I WAS INCONSIDERATE.

...DON'T EVER DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT AGAIN.
...OK...
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
...SNIFF
DON'T DISAPPEAR FROM ME...
I REPEATED IN MY MIND OVER AND OVER...
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY

CAN I...
KISS YOU?
NOD
コクン
...PLEASE UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS AS WELL.
HE WAS BLUSHING AND LOOKING SO CUTE.
CHUC-KLE
I WAS REGRETTING THAT I DIDN'T GO TO A MOTEL.


PINCH
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ?
...LET ME MAKE LOVE TO YOU.
.....
OK...
MY SELFISH BODY...
.....
BEFORE I DIDN'T WANT TO, BUT NOW I DO?
SUCH DOUBT DISAPPEARED IN TWO SECONDS.
MY BRAIN STOPPED THINKING.
...YU

THE STORM OF PLEASURE RUNS THROUGH MY BODY.
INSTINCTIVELY, I MADE LOVE WITH YUSUKE...
IORI VS. YUSUKE
...PROBABLY, YUSUKE.
THE WINNER OF OUR FIRST BIG BATTLE IS...

IN MARCH, IT'S STILL A LITTLE CHILLY OUT.
YUSUKE,
EAT A LOT!
IORI, YOU MADE ALL THESE?
LOOKS GREAT...
HUH?
IT'S NOT REALLY TO MAKE UP FOR LAST TIME BUT...
TO ANSWER IORI'S REQUEST, WE'RE HAVING A CHERRY-BLOSSOM VIEWING IN A PARK TODAY.

STARE...
BITE
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
AN UGLY LOOKING RICE BALL.
.....
BURNING OMELETS.
A WEIRD OCTOPUS SHAPE SAUSAGE.
LIGHTS UP
パァ
REALLY ?!
TASTES GREAT!
HM

EVERY TIME I SAY SOMETHING, SHE CONSTANTLY CHANGES HER EXPRESSIONS AND MAKES ME RELAXED.
...BUT
EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T TASTE SO GREAT, I'M HAPPY ABOUT HER FEELINGS.
YELP
キャウーン
GOOD JOB!
PET
クシャ クシャ
I CAN'T REALLY MAKE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH HER.
SINCE THAT DAY...
BECAUSE I CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WOMEN'S FEELINGS...
BECAUSE I HAD NEVER BEEN IN LOVE THIS MUCH BEFORE...
WHEN I START TO THINK THAT SHE MIGHT REJECT ME AGAIN, I CAN'T EVEN HOLD HER SHOULDER.
THAT MEANS...
REJECTION
THUD
ズドーン

GASP
SO TO SPEAK, IORI IS THE FIRST PERSON WHOM I'VE EVER BEEN IN LOVE WITH ...
... YUSUKE ?
IT TASTES GREAT!
LET'S PLAY A BIT.
IT'S GETTING CHILLY. WANNA GET BACK TO THE CAR?
PATIENT
PATIENT
NOT YET.
DOING WHAT?
TENSION

LET'S PLAY TAG!
HERE, YOU'RE IT!
WHAT~?! AREN'T WE PLAYING ROCK, PAPER SCISSORS FIRST?
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SHRIEK
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TAG...
IT'S SILLY...
EVEN RECENT SOAP-OPERAS DON'T SHOW SUCH SILLY SCENES LIKE THIS....

I KNOW...
I'M TOTALLY CRAZY ABOUT IORI.
I GOT YOU!
EEK!
IT'S... YOUR TURN!
...YUSUKE ?
THUMP
OOPS!
... SORRY.

...ALRIGHT, I'M GONNA START COUNTING.
ONE
TWO
DROP
THAT'S FOR HIDE AND SEEK...
EIGHT
NINE
TEN!!
YU~!
W-WHOA!
YU~!
WATCH YOUR STEPS. DON'T FALL!
IORI!
AHH!

FALL
I TOLD YOU TO WATCH YOUR STEPS!
S-SORRY
ARE YOU OK?
...I'M FINE.
TOUCH ON THE BUTT
S-SORRY!
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!
BLUSH
...HEY, YUSUKE?
?

B-BMP
OH NO... I'M ALMOST PUSHING HER OVER...
B-BMP
B-BMP
FRUSTRATION
.....
.....
OTHERWISE, MY BODY WILL BE KILLED BY FRUSTRATION.
I SHOULD BRING HER BACK HOME STRAIGHT TODAY.
B-BMP
B-BMP
DEAD SILENCE...
I FEEL AWKWARD ...
IS THIS MY FAULT ?
AM I MAKING HER LOOK LIKE THAT?
BYE, SEE YOU THEN.

...YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANYMORE ?
YUSUKE, YOU SEEM STRANGE TODAY.
THUMP
IORI?
.....
I'M GETTING CRAZY BECAUSE I LOVE HER TOO MUCH.
NO WAY!
H-HAVE YOU... MET SOMEBODY ELSE ?
I LOVE YOU.

SNIFF...
AH, IORI.
SORRY, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? I'M JUST TRYING TO BE PATIENT.
HUG ME.
IF YOU LOVE ME, THEN HUG ME.
HUG
SNIFF...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN HOLD ME TODAY...!
...AHH, DAMN!

I WAS JUST BEING PATIENT!
...I WON'T TELL YOU.
WHY?
WHY?
IS THAT MY FAULT?
HIS EARS ARE ALL RED...
...WHY?
BECAUSE! YOU REJECTED ME LAST TIME!
WHAT?

!?
I'M JUST BEING SILLY BY MYSELF.
...MOTEL
YOU DIDN'T WANNA GO.
...REALLY?
LIKE THAT?
SHE DOESN'T GET IT AT ALL...
?
...AH, WELL...
MEN WANNA DO IT EVERYDAY,
BUT WOMEN DON'T, DO THEY?
...HM
DON'T SAY ANYTHING.

I CAN'T STOP MYSELF...
OH NO...
GASP
!!
SORRY...
...I'M HAVING MY PERIOD.
I WANNA CRY...
...WELL, ACTUALLY,
SORRY.
THUD
REJECTION
AGAIN...

I SEE...
AH...
WELL... IT FINALLY STARTED.
I FEEL SOMEWHAT RELIEVED, BUT ALSO DISAPPOINTED AT THE SAME TIME.
I WILL.
I'M ALMOST AMAZED....
WILL YOU WAIT FOR ME UNTIL IT'S OVER?

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AFTERWORD

BY SASAKI

IT'S THE FOURTH VOLUME
OF A KISS ON TEARFUL CHEEKS!
IT CONTAINS SOME SCENES THAT HAVE BEEN
REMOVED WHILE THE BOOK WAS BEING MADE.
PLEASE CHECK THEM OUT!

← TSUMUGI IS
COMING UP NEXT!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
"YOURS IS MINE, AND MINE IS MINE"
I'M STRESSING OUT THE PEOPLE AROUND ME.
I'M THE GIANT TSUMUGI.
(つω`*) GIGGLE

RECENTLY, I RECEIVED A LETTER SAYING
"I LOVE TSUMUGI-SAN SO MUCH."

WE WOULD GET ALONG BECAUSE I LOVE MYSELF
AS WELL. (I'M A NARCISSIST)

I'M JUST KIDDING.
I HAVEN'T EVEN RECEIVED A LETTER LIKE THAT EITHER.
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A JOKE.

WELL, IT'S THE FOURTH VOLUME OF *A KISS ON TEARFUL CHEEKS*. IT'S GREAT TO THINK THAT YOU HAVE ALL FOUR BOOKS IN YOUR HOUSE.
I REALLY APPRECIATE IT! (...DOESN'T SOUND SINCERE)
BY THE WAY, I HAVE TEN BOOKS OF *A KISS ON TEARFUL CHEEKS*.

YES,
WAKABA PUBLISHER SENT ME COPIES,
BUT I DON'T HAVE TOO MANY
FRIENDS TO GIVE THEM TO...

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I'M NOT CRYING!
I'M NOT SAD!

IN THE END, I DON'T HAVE
MUCH TO SAY ANYWAY!
(゜Д゜) !!!

ALRIGHT (LOL)
SEE YOU IN THE FIFTH
VOLUME!

YOUR SINCERE FRIEND
TSUMUGI.

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